

Hänsel und Gretel brought Humperdinck worldwide fame but his tragic fairy story *Königskinder* ('The King's Children') offers a stark contrast to it and has only begun to be revived in recent years. The doomed love of a goose girl and a prince – as they battle prejudice and are obstructed by magic – ends in their loving deaths, and with it a rebuke to the villagers who rejected them. This acclaimed production by the renowned German director Christof Loy features the award-winning singers – tenor Daniel Behle and Ukrainian soprano Olga Kulchynska.

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK (1854–1921)

KÖNIGSKINDER

Fairy-tale opera in three acts (1910)

Libretto by Ernst Rosmer (Elsa Bernstein-Porges)

Der Königssohn	DANIEL BEHLE
Die Gänsemagd	OLGA KULCHYNSKA
Der Spielmann	JOSEF WAGNER
Die Hexe	DORIS SOFFEL



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