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Regarded in his day as equal to Handel and Telemann, Reinhard Keiser composed more than one hundred operas, of which *Fredegunda*, set partly in German and partly in Italian, was one of the most popular. It explores the politically volatile relationships between the sixth century Frankish king, Chilperich, whose ambitious mistress Fredegunda is prepared to use magic to become his queen, although Chilperich is betrothed to Princess Galsuinde and Fredegunda also has a secret relationship with Langerich. This important and entertaining German Baroque opera abounds in melodious, often ravishingly orchestrated, music.

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Reinhard
KEISER
 (1674-1739)
Fredegunda

Fredegunda	Dora Pavlíková, Soprano
Galsuinde	Bianca Koch, Soprano
Bazina	Katja Stuber, Soprano
Chilperich	Tomi Wendt, Baritone
Sigibert	Michael Kranebitter, Baritone
Hermengild	Tomo Matsubara, Tenor
Landerich	Tobias Haaks, Tenor

Munich Neue Hofkapelle • Christoph Hammer

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1 Sonata	2:24	1-24 Act IV	42:48
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This production was originated by the Bayerische Theaterakademie August Everding at the Prinzregententheater, Munich, and by the Neue Hofkapelle, Munich

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