Based on real events and playwright Georg Büchner's starkly vehement text, Alban Berg's tragic opera Wozzeck is an epoch-making work, in stark contrast to the previous high romantic ideals of the genre, that led Schoenberg to exclaim "now that's what I call an opera!" Immensely powerful and hearthreakingly moving as a drama, Wozzeck explores the victimisation, despair and madness of a central character who has no place in society, its deeply humane message and sublimely innovative score firmly establishing it as a 20th-century masterpiece.

Alban BERG

Wozzeck (1917-1922) **Opera in Three Acts**

Text by Georg Büchner (1813-1837)

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Wozzeck	Roman Trekel, Baritone
Marie	Anne Schwanewilms, Soprano
Captain (Hauptmann)	Marc Molomot, Tenor
Doctor (Doktor)	Nathan Berg, Bass-baritone
Drum-major (Tambourmajor)	Gordon Gietz, Tenor
Andres	Robert McPherson, Tenor
Margret	Katherine Ciesinski, Mezzo-soprano
First Apprentice (Erster Handwerksbursche)	Calvin Griffin, Bass-baritone
Second Apprentice (Zweiter Handwerksbursche)	Samuel Schultz, Baritone
Madman (Der Narr)	Brenton Ryan, Tenor
Members of Houston Grand Opera Children's Cl	horus (Karen Reeves, Chorus-master)

Chorus of Students and Alumni, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University

Houston Symphony • Hans Graf

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		6-11 Act III	24:30

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