Polish composer, conductor and teacher Stanisław Moniuszko is widely known as 'the father of Polish national opera', Halka tells the tragic story of its title character, a peasant girl whose love for the noble Janusz is betrayed when he abandons her to wed Zofia, daughter of the Esquire. Recorded here in an acclaimed production by Poznań Opera House, Halka possesses a deeply lyrical character making it one of the composer's greatest works. The aria 'Szumia jodly na gór szczycie' ('The firs are rustling on the mountain top') is considered one of the most beautiful of the 19th century.



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## Halka

**Opera in four acts** (1848, rev. 1858) Libretto by Włodzimierz Wolski (1824–1882) Sung in Polish

Jontek	Dominik Sutowicz, Tenor
Halka	Magdalena Molendowska, Soprano
Janusz	Łukasz Goliński, Bass-baritone
Stolnik	
Zofia	. Magdalena Wilczyńska-Goś, Mezzo-soprano
Dziemba	Damian Konieczek, Bass



Poznań Opera House Chorus Mariusz Otto, Chorus Master Poznań Opera House Orchestra Gabriel Chmura, Conductor

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