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Marco Polo Tan Dun (b.1957)

In *Marco Polo – An Opera Within An Opera*, composer Tan Dun portrays the Venetian explorer's travels to the Far East as a journey of both inner and physical discovery, a voyage depicting spiritual experiences as well as a geographical expedition. At the same time the work, with a libretto by Paul Griffiths, can be seen as a compositional adventure of the composer himself, unifying the various cultural worlds he occupies: a blend of Western avant-garde and Oriental traditions. Pierre Audi's mythical staging and Jean Kalman's fabulous set design complement the composer's own musical direction, forging the dazzlingly versatile soloists, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra and Cappella Amsterdam to a stunning symbiosis of elements across time and space, a true testimony to cultures intertwined in globalisation.

Sung mostly in English, with subtitles in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Dutch

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Polo **Charles Workman**

Marco **Sarah Castle**

Kublai Khan **Stephen Richardson**

Water **Nancy Allen Lundy**

Shadow 1/Rustichello/Li Po **Zhang Jun**

Shadow 2/Sheherazada/Mahler/Queen

Tania Kross

Shadow 3/Dante/Shakespeare

Stephen Bryant

Chinese/Arabian Dancer **Mu Na**

Netherlands Chamber Orchestra
Cappella Amsterdam

Libretto **Paul Griffiths**

Stage Director **Pierre Audi**

Set & Lighting Designer **Jean Kalman**

Costume Designer **Angelo Figus**

Choreographer **Nanine Linning**

Musical Director **Tan Dun**

EXTRA FEATURES

- Illustrated synopsis
- Cast gallery
- **The Music of Tomorrow:** a documentary by Reiner E. Moritz, including interviews with the creative team and principal members of the cast.

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