

SAINT-SAËNS  
**SAMSON ET DALILA**

Pious restraint comes face to face with sensuous hedonism in Camille Saint-Saëns's grand-opera retelling of the Bible story of Samson and Delilah.

Multi-Olivier Award winning director Richard Jones returns to The Royal Opera to stage this spectacular fin-de-siècle masterpiece, not performed at Covent Garden since 2004. Elina Garanča stars as the Philistine Dalila, SeokJong Baek as the inspiring Jewish hero Samson and Antonio Pappano conducts the full forces of the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. With superb singing in solos and duets of great intimacy and fervour, gorgeous music with thrilling orchestral interludes, and splendid choral numbers for the Royal Opera Chorus - this is a performance to remember.



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AUDIO FORMATS



SUBTITLES: ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, JAPANESE, KOREAN

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**THE ROYAL OPERA**  
 DIRECTOR OLIVER MEARS  
**SAMSON** SEOKJONG BAEK  
**DALILA** ELINA GARANČA  
 HIGH PRIEST OF DAGON ŁUKASZ GOLIŃSKI  
 ABIMÉLECH BLAISE MALABA  
 FIRST PHILISTINE ALAN PINGARRÓN  
 SECOND PHILISTINE CHUMA SIJEQA  
 PHILISTINE MESSENGER THANDO MJANDANA  
 OLD HEBREW GODERDZI JANELIDZE

**ROYAL OPERA CHORUS**  
 CHORUS DIRECTOR WILLIAM SPAULDING

**ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**  
 PRINCIPAL GUEST CONCERT MASTER  
**VASKO VASSILEV**  
 BY ARRANGEMENT WITH TRITTICO

CONDUCTOR ANTONIO PAPPANO  
 DIRECTOR RICHARD JONES  
 SET DESIGNER HYEMI SHIN  
 COSTUME DESIGNER NICKY GILLIBRAND  
 LIGHTING DESIGNER ANDREAS FUCHS  
 CHOREOGRAPHER AND  
 MOVEMENT DIRECTOR LUCY BURGE

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY PETER JONES

ELINA GARANČA APPEARS COURTESY OF DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON  
 ANTONIO PAPPANO APPEARS COURTESY OF WARNER MUSIC

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EXTRA FEATURES

An introduction to *Samson et Dalila*  
 Antonio Pappano discusses the music of *Samson et Dalila*  
 Cast gallery

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OPERA



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