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## Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764)

# Les Paladins

Inspired by a fable by La Fontaine, Rameau produced perhaps his most brilliant music for his penultimate great work, blending reality and the surreal on several levels. This passionate new production by José Montalvo, stunningly choreographed by José Montalvo and Dominique Hervieu, sets new standards in entertainment, charm and ingenuity. The sharp and spectacular multimedia staging does full justice to Rameau's dazzling burlesque, confirming Olivier Rouvière's statement that 'Les Paladins is the last laugh of a witty 77-year old composer'. Recorded live in 2004 at the Paris Théâtre du Châtelet in true surround sound, both the virtuoso cast and Les Arts Florissants are in top form, clearly enjoying themselves in the masterful hands of William Christie.

Sung in French with English, French, German, Spanish and Italian subtitles.

TV Director François Roussillon  
TV Executive Producer Jacques Hedouin & David Kulas  
Director Théâtre du Châtelet Jean-Pierre Brossmann  
Administrateur Général Théâtre du Châtelet Jacques Hedouin  
TV recording © 2004

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Anselme René Schirrer  
Manto François Piolino

Orchestra and Chorus  
Les Arts Florissants  
Musical Director William Christie  
Stage Director, Set Designer  
& Video Producer José Montalvo  
Choreographers José Montalvo  
& Dominique Hervieu

### EXTRA FEATURES

Illustrated Synopsis  
Cast Gallery

#### Baroque that rocks!

A documentary film by Reiner E. Moritz featuring interviews with José Montalvo, Dominique Hervieu, William Christie, Topi Lehtipuu, Stéphanie d'Oustrac, Laurent Naouri, Sandrine Piau, René Schirrer, François Piolino & Sylvie Bouissou

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Comédie lyrique in three acts

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Stéphanie d'Oustrac  
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Sandrine Piau  
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François Piolino

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