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Das Rheingold Richard Wagner (1813–1883)

Richard Wagner's tetralogy *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, in which Power and Love are presented as mutually exclusive ideas, is always a huge challenge for any opera house. *Das Rheingold* is the opening of this extraordinary production of *The Ring* from Het Muziektheater Amsterdam, with the orchestra taking its place both in the pit and, ring-shaped, on the astonishing stage. The fantastic stage direction by Pierre Audi succeeds in forging a profound unity combining the lyrical, mythical and philosophical qualities of Wagner's work. Breathtaking sets by George Tsybin, superb costumes by Oscar-winner Eiko Ishioka and the passionate performances of the soloists and Residentie Orchestra under their inspired guest conductor Hartmut Haenchen all contribute to an intense total experience that will leave a permanent impression.

This production of *The Ring of the Nibelung* is based on the new Complete Edition of the works of Richard Wagner.

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

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- *The Forging of the Ring*, Roeland Hazendonk's 50-minute introduction to Wagner's *Ring* from Het Muziektheater Amsterdam, including interviews with Hartmut Haenchen, Pierre Audi and principal members of the cast.

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