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THE MINOTAUR

HARRISON BIRTWISTLE (1934-)
LIBRETTO BY DAVID HARSENT

This world premiere of a gripping new work by composer Harrison Birtwistle and librettist David Harsent, commissioned by The Royal Opera, brings the monstrous, Greek mythological character to the stage. The Minotaur, part man, part beast, trapped in his labyrinth, longs to discover his true identity and his own voice. Theseus, sent as part of a debt sacrifice to the monster, is determined to kill him; he attracts the attention of Ariadne, half-sister and keeper of The Minotaur, and it is her help that ensures his success. Captured here in High Definition video and surround sound, the cast, led by a sublime John Tomlinson as the Minotaur, rise to great heights under the direction of Antonio Pappano, whose navigation of the monumental musical landscapes carries an intense authority.

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

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