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FRANCESCO CAVALLI 1602-1676

LA DIDONE

One of the earliest operas deserving of the name, *Didone* is our first surviving musical version of the famous episode in Virgil's *Aeneid* where the Trojan hero loves and then cruelly leaves the noble Dido. Cavalli learnt at the feet of Monteverdi, and his dramatic transformation of the story is all the more expressive for its intimacy, worthy of the examples set by his master. At the centre of this bold and simple staging – the first opera production by actor Clément Hervieu-Léger – is the Queen of Carthage herself, sung with uncompromising intensity by Anna Bonitatibus. William Christie and his players and singers show themselves entirely attuned to the world of Cavalli, where meaning and music fuse. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

Sung in Italian with English, French and German subtitles

EXTRA FEATURE

Cast gallery



Les Arts Florissants
WILLIAM CHRISTIE

théâtre de Caen



A theatrical co-production between Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Théâtre de Caen, Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg. Associate co-producer: Les Arts Florissants, with support from the SELZ FOUNDATION. Executive producer: Théâtre de Caen

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Didone ANNA BONITATIBUS
Enea KRESIMIR SPICER
Iarba XAVIER SABATA
Ecuba MARIA STREIFFERT
Cassandra KATHERINE WATSON
Creusa, Giunone TEHILA NINI GOLDSTEIN
Anna, Fortuna MARIANA REWERSKI
Venere, Iride CLAIRE DEBONO
Ascanio, Amore TERRY WEY
Anchise VICTOR TORRES
Corebo, Eolo VALERIO CONTALDO
Ilioneo, Mercurio MATHIAS VIDAL
Acate, Sicheo JOSEPH CORNWELL
Sinon Greco, Giove FRANCISCO JAVIER BORDA

LES ARTS FLORISSANTS

Conductor WILLIAM CHRISTIE
 Stage Director CLÉMENT HERVIEU-LÉGER
 Set Designer ÉRIC RUF
 Lighting Designer BERTRAND COUDERC
 Costume Designer CAROLINE DE VIVASSE
 Literary Advisor PIERRE JUDET DE LA COMBET

Film Director OLIVIER SIMONNET
 DVD Producer JAMES WHITBOURN



CAVALLI
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ALL REGIONS

OPERA



MUSIC

16:9 ANAMORPHIC (FOR DVD)
 RUNNING TIME APPROX 178 MINUTES



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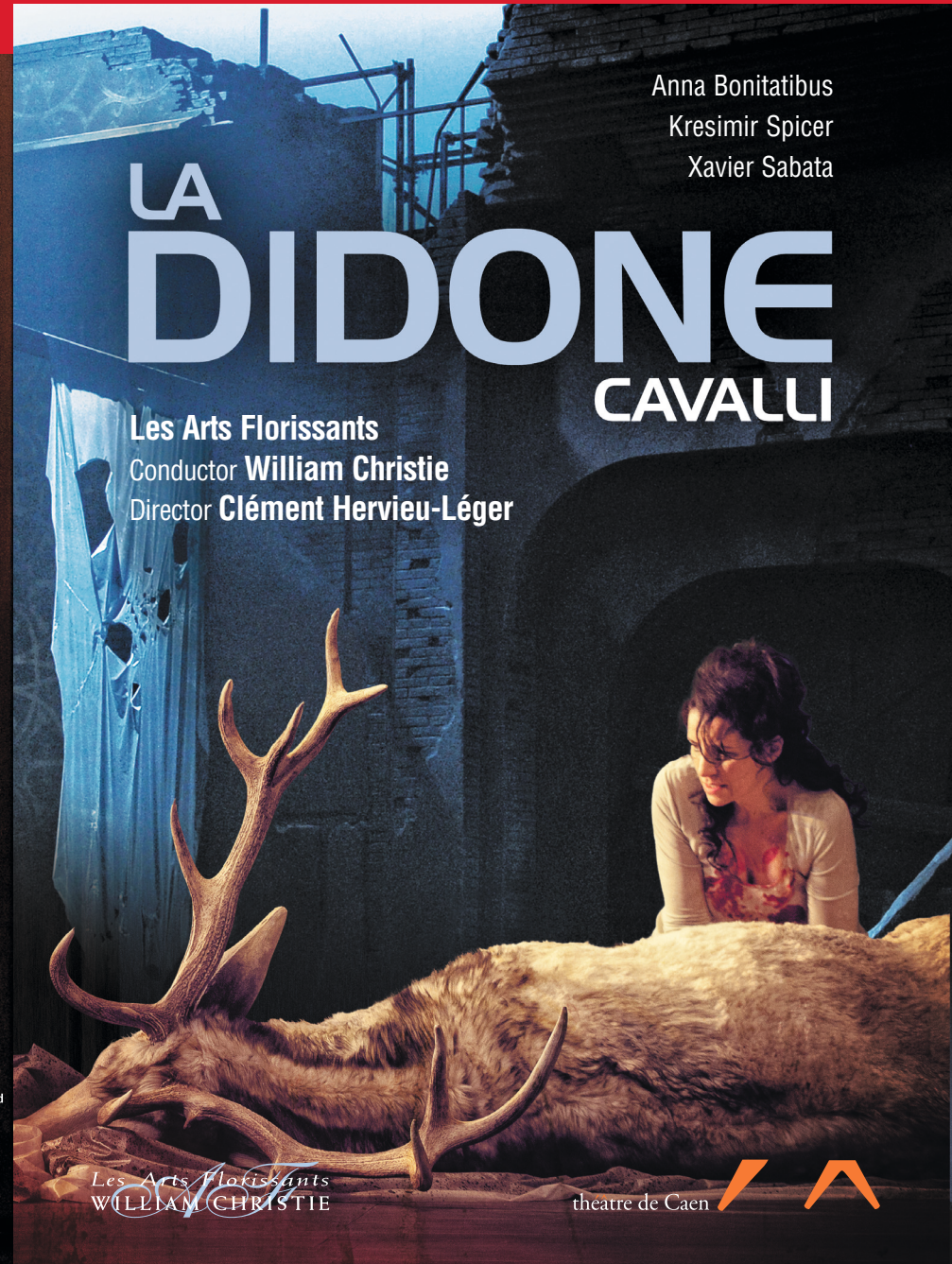
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Anna Bonitatibus
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