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GIOACHINO ROSSINI 1792-1868

# CIRO IN BABILONIA

The Biblical story of Belshazzar's hubristic arrogance, set against the valour of the young warrior-leader Cyrus, provided the 20-year-old Rossini with a dramatic story enriched by West-Eastern implications which still speak to us today. For the title role of Cyrus, Rossini wrote what would be his longest-ever contralto role, to which the great Rossini singer Ewa Podleś is both naturally attracted and ideally suited. She is partnered by two young stars of Rossini singing, Jessica Pratt and Michael Spyres, and a conductor-scholar, Will Crutchfield, of great experience and sympathy. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

Sung in Italian with English, French, German, Japanese and Korean subtitles

## EXTRA FEATURE

Cast gallery

Production in cooperation with Caramoor International Music Festival and Museo Nazionale del Cinema (Turin)  
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**Baldassare** MICHAEL SPYRES  
**Amira** JESSICA PRATT  
**Argene** CARMEN ROMEU  
**Zambri** MIRCO PALAZZI  
**Arbace** ROBERT McPHERSON  
**Daniello** RAFFAELE COSTANTINI

ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS OF THE  
TEATRO COMUNALE DI BOLOGNA

**Conductor and Fortepiano**  
WILL CRUTCHFIELD  
**Stage Director** DAVIDE LIVERMORE  
**Set and Lighting design** NICOLAS BOVEY  
**Video design** D-WOK  
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**Chorus Master** LORENZO FRATINI  
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