

OPUS ARTE



KRÓL ROGER

KAROL SZYMANOWSKI 1882-1937

Kasper Holten's production (The Royal Opera's first) of *Król Roger* (King Roger) brought the opera back to the London stage after an absence of almost 40 years. Karol Szymanowski's masterpiece powerfully presents the dilemmas of culture versus nature and man versus beast, and movingly depicts King Roger's inner struggles as he moves from an impossible life of repressed desires to the other extreme, giving in to his own demons. Meanwhile Roger's people, seduced by the promises of the mysterious Shepherd, are drawn towards totalitarianism and repression. Antonio Pappano conducts Szymanowski's opulent and beautiful score, with a cast including Mariusz Kwiecień (one of the greatest interpreters of the role today) as Roger, Saimir Pirgu as the Shepherd, and Georgia Jarman in her Royal Opera debut as Roger's loving queen Roxana.

Sung in Polish with English, French, German, Japanese and Korean subtitles.

EXTRA FEATURES

Director's commentary
Introduction to *Król Roger*
The sets
The music
Cast gallery

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King Roger II of Sicily **MARIUSZ KWIECIEŃ**
Roxana **GEORGIA JARMAN**
Shepherd **SAIMIR PIRGU**
Edrisi **KIM BEGLE**
Archbishop **ALAN EWING**
Deaconess **AGNES ZWIERKO**

ROYAL OPERA CHORUS
Chorus Director **RENATO BALSADONNA**

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Concert Master **PETER MANNING**

Conductor **ANTONIO PAPPANO***
Director **KASPER HOLTEN**
Designs **STEFFEN AARFING**
Lighting design **JON CLARK**
Video designs **LUKE HALLS**
Choreography **CATHY MARSTON**
Dramaturg **JOHN LLOYD DAVIES**

Directed for the screen by **IAN RUSSELL**

Featuring director's commentary with
Kasper Holten and Antonio Pappano

*Antonio Pappano appears courtesy of Warner Classics



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AUDIO FORMATS



MUSIC

16:9 ANAMORPHIC

RUNNING TIME APPROX 88 MINUTES (OPERA);
17 MINUTES (FEATURES)



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