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# LA FAVORITE

Gaetano Donizetti 1797-1848

One of the composer's most beguiling scores, *La Favorite* is Donizetti's *La favorita* in its original French form, a tale of love and war that represents a glorious mix of Italian bel canto and 19th-century *grand opéra*. Today's scholarly interest in Donizetti's output has helped bring *La Favorite* back into circulation, and Vincent Boussard's arresting Toulouse production does full justice to its renewed masterpiece status, accentuating the work's intimacy through economical sets and Christian Lacroix's striking costumes, thus drawing attention to the opera's three main characters. Three international principals take on these demanding roles: Chinese tenor Yijie Shi is a 'revelation' (*La Dépêche*) as Fernand, with French baritone Ludovic Tézier offering suitably rich-toned authority as King Alphonse XI and lauded American mezzo Kate Aldrich - 'the Carmen of this generation' (*San Francisco Sentinel*) - plumbing the emotional depths of Léonor's music. Conductor and bel canto specialist Antonello Allemandi derives every possible nuance from the score, adding to the passionate proceedings onstage. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

EXTRA FEATURE

CAST GALLERY

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

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Léonor de Guzmán **KATE ALDRICH**  
Fernand **YIJIE SHI**  
Alphonse XI, King of Castile **LUDOVIC TÉZIER**  
Balthazar **GIOVANNI FURLANETTO**  
Inès **MARIE-BÉNÉDICTE SOUQUET**  
Don Gaspar **ALAIN GABRIEL**  
A lord **DONGJIN AHN**

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**CHŒUR DU CAPITOLE DE TOULOUSE**

Conductor **ANTONELLO ALLEMANDI**  
Stage Director **VINCENT BOUSSARD**  
Set design **VINCENT LEMAIRE**  
Costume design **CHRISTIAN LACROIX**  
Lighting design **GUIDO LEVI**  
Chorus Master **ALFONSO CAIANI**

Directed for TV and video by **OLIVIER SIMONNET**



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ALL REGIONS

OPERA



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