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## Fairytale Operas

Fantastic storylines abound in opera, but these grand musical settings of much-loved fairytales embrace the imaginary, giving free rein to dreams. The Royal Opera's acclaimed *Hansel and Gretel* combines the directors' characteristic wit and knack for dark comedy with the story's enduring charm. Glyndebourne's recounting of the quick-witted fox's escape into nature balances the opera's whimsy and mysticism. Opera North's enchanting staging of Jonathan Dove's 21st opera is a wittily inventive feast for the eyes and ears, shining new light on Collodi's original tale, by turns magical and dark. Recorded in true Surround Sound.

### HANSEL AND GRETEL

Music ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

Hansel ANGELIKA KIRSCHLAGER\*  
Gretel DIANA DAMRAU†  
Gertrud ELIZABETH CONNELL  
Peter THOMAS ALLEN  
Witch ANJA SILJA Sandman  
PUMEZA MATSHIKIZA  
Dew Fairy ANITA WATSON

Directors MOSHE LEISER & PATRICE CAURIER

TIFFIN BOYS' CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHORUS ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
Conductor COLIN DAVIS

### THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN

Music LEOŠ JANÁČEK

Vixen Sharp Ears LUCY CROWE  
Fox EMMA BELL  
Forester SERGEI LEIFERKUS  
Badger/Priest MISCHA SCHELOMIANSKI  
Schoolmaster/Mosquito ADRIAN THOMPSON  
HaraŠta WILLIAM DAZELEY  
Forester's Wife/Owl JEAN RIGBY  
Pásek, Innkeeper COLIN JUDSON  
Innkeeper's Wife SARAH PRING

Director MELLY STILL

THE GLYNDEBOURNE CHORUS LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA  
Conductor VLADIMIR JUROWSKI

### THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO

Music JONATHAN DOVE  
Libretto ALASDAIR MIDDLETON

Pinocchio VICTORIA SIMMONDS  
Geppetto JONATHAN SUMMERS  
The Blue Fairy MARY PLAZAS  
Cricket/Parrot REBECCA BOTTONE  
Puppeteer/Ape-Judge/Ringmaster/Big Green Fisherman GRAEME BROADBENT  
Lampwick ALLAN CLAYTON  
Cat MARK WILDE  
Fox/Coachman JAMES LAING  
Pigeon/Snail CAROLE WILSON

Director MARTIN DUNCAN

ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS OF OPERA NORTH  
Conductor DAVID PARRY

### EXTRA FEATURES

On *Hansel and Gretel* with Colin Davis · Fairytales feature · Creating Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen* Thoughts on *The Adventures of Pinocchio* by the Composer, Librettist, Director and Conductor  
Illustrated synopses of *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Adventures of Pinocchio* · Cast Galleries

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Janáček  
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OPERA

AUDIO FORMATS



SUNG IN: GERMAN (HANSEL AND GRETEL), CZECH (VIXEN), ENGLISH (PINOCCHIO)  
SUBTITLES: ENGLISH, FRANÇAIS, DEUTSCH (ALL TITLES)  
ESPAÑOL, ITALIANO (HANSEL AND GRETEL, PINOCCHIO)  
KOREAN (VIXEN - MAIN FEATURE ONLY)

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MUSIC

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