

# HANDEL THEODORA

Julia Bullock, Joyce DiDonato and Jakub Józef Orliński star in Katie Mitchell's thrilling new production of Handel's *Theodora*. In an alternative modern-day reality, Theodora, a religious fundamentalist, plots for the resistance against the Roman occupation. But when her secret plan to destroy the Roman embassy is discovered, she learns the true brutality of her oppressors.

Not heard in Covent Garden since the 18th Century and sung in the original English libretto by Thomas Morell, *Theodora* is a tour de force for soloists and chorus alike, with ensembles, duets and arias of profound depth and beauty. This new interpretation, conducted by Baroque specialist Harry Bicket, shines a new, feminist light on the story.

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THEODORA JULIA BULLOCK  
IRENE JOYCE DIDONATO  
DIDYMUS JAKUB JÓZEF ORLIŃSKI  
SEPTIMIUS ED LYON  
VALENS GYULA ORENDT  
MARCUS THANDO MJANDANA

ROYAL OPERA CHORUS  
CHORUS DIRECTOR WILLIAM SPAULDING  
ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
GUEST CONCERT MASTER  
MAGNUS JOHNSTON

CONDUCTOR HARRY BICKET  
DIRECTOR KATIE MITCHELL  
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COSTUME DESIGNER SUSSIE JUHLIN-WALLÉN  
LIGHTING DESIGNER JAMES FARNCOMBE  
MOVEMENT DIRECTOR SARITA PIOTROWSKI

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY  
PETER JONES

Joyce DiDonato and Jakub Józef Orliński appear  
courtesy of Erato/Warner Classics

*This production depicts explicit violence  
and sexual harassment, scenes of sexual  
violence and sexual exploitation, and  
contains themes of terrorism.*

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