



ROYAL  
OPERA  
HOUSE

THE ROYAL OPERA

MUSIC DIRECTOR SIR ANTONIO PAPPANO  
DIRECTOR OF OPERA OLIVER MEARS

### Approximate timings

Live cinema relay begins at 5pm; opera begins at 5.19pm

Act I 65 minutes

**Interval 30 minutes**

Act II 90 minutes

**Interval 22 minutes**

Act III 70 minutes

Please note that there will be strobe lighting during all three acts  
and flame effects in Act III

A front of house fanfare and announcements will signal that seats should be taken.

**The performance will end at approximately 9.58pm**

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# DIE WALKÜRE

FIRST DAY OF DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN

MUSIC DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

MUSIC AND LIBRETTO RICHARD WAGNER

CONDUCTOR ANTONIO PAPPANO

DIRECTOR KEITH WARNER

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS AMY LANE, MICHAEL MOXHAM

SET DESIGNER STEFANOS LAZARIDIS

ASSOCIATE SET DESIGNER MATTHEW DEELY

COSTUME DESIGNER MARIE-JEANNE LECCA

LIGHTING DESIGNER WOLFGANG GÖBBEL

VIDEO DESIGNERS MIC POOL AND DICK STRAKER

MOVEMENT DIRECTOR MICHAEL BARRY

ORIGINAL MOVEMENT DIRECTOR CLAIRE GLASKIN

FIGHT CO-ORDINATORS AUSTIN SPANGLER AND ANNIE LEES-JONES

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

CONCERT MASTER VASKO VASSILEV

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY JONATHAN HASWELL

LIVE FROM THE  
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018, 5PM

## 2018/19 Live Cinema Season

**MAYERLING** ENCORE SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018

**LA BAYADÈRE** TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018 (ENCORE SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018)

**THE NUTCRACKER** MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018 (ENCORE SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018)

**THE QUEEN OF SPADES** TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019

(ENCORE SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019)

**LA TRAVIATA** WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019)

**DON QUIXOTE** TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019)

**LA FORZA DEL DESTINO** TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019)

**FAUST** TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019)

**WITHIN THE GOLDEN HOUR/NEW SIDI LARBI CHERKAOUI/FLIGHT PATTERN**

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 19 MAY 2019)

**ROMEO AND JULIET** TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019 (ENCORE SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019)

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# Synopsis

*Wotan, ruler of the gods, has fathered the twins Siegmund and Sieglinde with a mortal woman. He hopes in Siegmund to create a free being who will recover the ring made from the Rhinegold from the dragon Fafner. Wotan can then return it to the Rhinemaidens, breaking the curse that Alberich placed on the ring: a curse which may destroy the gods and the world. Wotan has also fathered the warrior-maiden Brünnhilde, whose mother is the earth goddess Erda; she and her Valkyrie sisters are raising an army of slain heroes to defend the gods.*

## Act I

During a storm, Hunding's unhappy wife Sieglinde offers an exhausted man shelter and refreshment. When Hunding returns, he grudgingly offers the stranger hospitality. The stranger introduces himself as 'Woeful', and describes how, as a child, he lost his home – his mother was murdered, and his twin sister abducted. His father reared him, but mysteriously disappeared during his adolescence. The stranger then tells of his most recent misfortune: he killed men forcing their sister into a loveless marriage, only to see the girl murdered by other members of her clan. Hunding realizes the murdered men were his kinsmen, and tells the unarmed stranger they must fight the next morning. Alone, the stranger remembers the sword his father promised he would find in his hour of need. Sieglinde returns, having drugged Hunding. She shows the stranger the sword which, on her wedding day, a stranger plunged into the tree trunk that forms part of Hunding's house: nobody as yet can remove it. As the pair talk they realize that not only have they fallen in love, but that they are long-lost brother and sister. Sieglinde calls the stranger by his true name, Siegmund. Siegmund pulls Nothung from the tree, and ecstatically claims Sieglinde as his sister and bride.

## Interval

### Act II

Wotan orders Brünnhilde to ensure that Siegmund wins his fight with Hunding. However, Wotan's wife Fricka claims that Siegmund and Sieglinde have violated Wotan's own laws through their incest, and she demands vengeance. Wotan promises that he will not protect Siegmund. Alone with Brünnhilde he gives way to despair. Wotan tells his daughter about Alberich's theft of the Rhinegold and his own tragic part in what followed. All he now desires is an ending. He tells Brünnhilde that Siegmund must die.

Siegmund and Sieglinde have fled from Hunding. Sieglinde, wracked with guilt, begs Siegmund to abandon her, but he refuses. Sieglinde falls asleep. Brünnhilde appears, and announces to Siegmund that he will soon die and join the heroes in Valhalla. When Siegmund learns that Sieglinde cannot follow him, he refuses this afterlife. Brünnhilde is much moved by Siegmund's love and promises to help the couple. Hunding arrives, and Brünnhilde tries to protect Siegmund from him, but Wotan appears and shatters Siegmund's sword. Hunding murders Siegmund, and Brünnhilde escapes with Sieglinde. Wotan kills Hunding, then leaves in pursuit of Brünnhilde.

## Interval

### Act III

Brünnhilde begs her Valkyrie sisters to protect her and Sieglinde from Wotan. Sieglinde wants to die, but Brünnhilde tells her that she is pregnant with Siegmund's child, who will be the noblest of heroes. She tells her to flee to the forest, and Sieglinde leaves, blessing Brünnhilde. Wotan arrives and denounces Brünnhilde for her disobedience. He tells her that she is banished from her home, Valhalla, and will be left to sleep until a mortal man finds her and makes her his wife. The Valkyries flee in terror. Alone with Wotan, Brünnhilde explains that she disobeyed him because of her overwhelming compassion for Siegmund and Sieglinde, and because she knew Wotan truly wished to help his son. She accepts her punishment, but begs Wotan to surround her by fire, so that only the noblest of heroes can claim her. Deeply moved, Wotan agrees. He bids his daughter a tender farewell, kisses her and orders Loge the fire god to encircle her with flames.

## Cast

SIEGMUND	STUART SKELTON
SIEGLINDE	EMILY MAGEE
HUNDING SIEGLINDE'S HUSBAND	AIN ANGER
WOTAN	JOHN LUNDGREN
BRÜNNHILDE A VALKYRIE, DAUGHTER OF WOTAN	NINA STEMME
FRICKA	SARAH CONNOLLY
GERHILDE	ALWYN MELLOR
ORTLINDE	LISE DAVIDSEN
WALTRAUTE	KAI RÜÜTEL
SCHWERTLEITE	CLAUDIA HUCKLE
HELMWIGE	MAIDA HUNDELING
SIEGRUNE	CATHERINE CARBY
GRIMGERDE	MONIKA-EVELIN LIIV
ROSSWEISSE VALKYRIES	EMMA CARRINGTON