

Don Giovanni's inferno

Simon Steen-Andersen
Round trip to lyrical hell in one act



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Concept

In an ultimate act of defiance against Heaven, Don Giovanni has invited the mortuary statue of the Commendatore to dine with him at home, having previously killed him in a duel, just after taking advantage of his daughter. The statue begs him to repent all his crimes, but he refuses. The earth opens up under Don Giovanni's feet and he disappears in a cloud of smoke. Don Giovanni falls into an unknown world. He is welcomed there by the opera devil, Polystopheles. He wants to show him around Hell before revealing the special role reserved for him. Together, they climb into Charon's boat and start their infernal tour.

Dans une ultime provocation contre le Ciel, Don Giovanni a invité à dîner chez lui la statue mortuaire du Commandeur qu'il a tué en duel, juste après avoir abusé de sa fille. La statue l'enjoint de se repentir de tous ses crimes mais il refuse, malgré les suppliques apeurées de son valet Leporello. Le sol s'ouvre alors sous les pieds de Don Giovanni qui disparaît dans un nuage de fumée. Après sa chute, Don Giovanni se relève dans un monde inconnu. Il y est accueilli par le diable de l'opéra, Polystophélès, qui s'amuse à ses dépens. Celui-ci souhaite lui faire visiter les enfers avant de lui révéler le rôle spécial qu'il y remplira. Ensemble, ils montent dans la barque du nocher Charon et commencent leur virée infernale.

Creative team

Composer, Director, Set designer,
Video, Sound and Lightning
Design

Simon Steen-Andersen

Costume designer

Thibault Welchlin

Cast

Number of principals

Female	2
Male	4

Chorus

Female	./.
Male	9

Extras shooting only

5 (2 women + 3 men)

Children's choir

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Instrumentation

41

Strings 8.6.5.3.2 + Harmonie

Ictus- 5 musicians in costume and
on stage

Electric guitar/guitar

Viola de gamba

Transverse flute

Percussions

Trumpet

Running time : 2h03 (without interval)

Volume of the production

Set, Props, Costumes : 1 trailer

Performances

Strasbourg - World Premiere
Copenhague

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April 2024

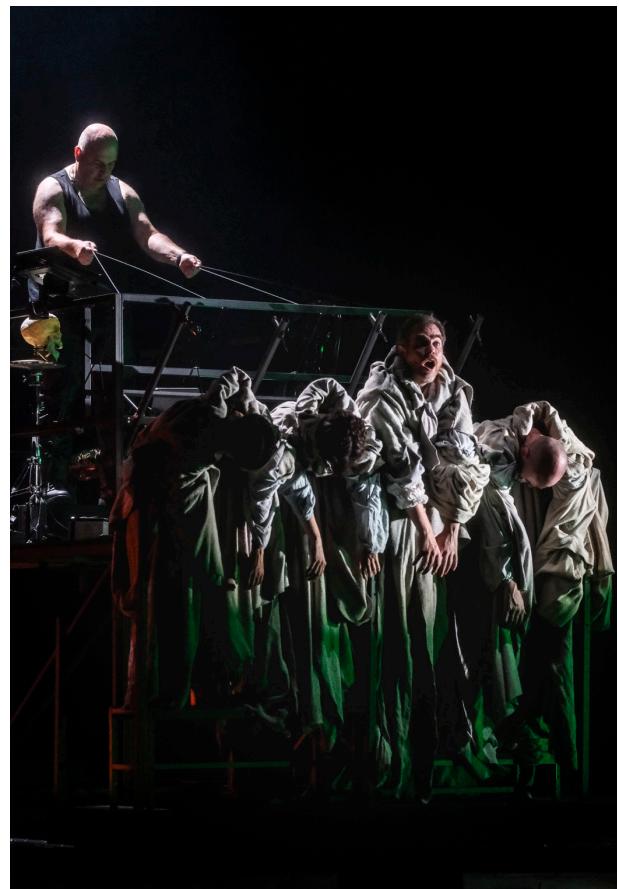
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