



Semperoper
Dresden

»Nabucco« returns on 29 May 2023

PRESS RELEASE



Scene from »Nabucco«, ©Semperoper Dresden/photo: Ludwig Olah

Verdi's »Nabucco« returns to the Semperoper stage this season

Dresden, 15 May 2023. Following the 2019 performances of this lavish production of »Nabucco«, the coronavirus brought a two-season hiatus. Now in May and June 2023, Giuseppe Verdi's opulent opera in David Bösch's celebrated production can once again be enjoyed in the Semperoper with a brilliant cast of singers.

In the revival, which starts on 29 May 2023, ensemble member Markus Marquardt will interpret the title role for the first time at the Semperoper. He is joined by Polish soprano Ewa Płonka making her Dresden house debut as the Persian King's daughter, the power-hungry Abigaille. The performances of Christa Mayer as Fenena and Pavol Breslik as Ismaele are also certain to delight Dresden audiences along with the rest of this star-studded cast.

The Staatskapelle Dresden will be conducted by the Spaniard Jordi Bernàcer, who previously interpreted Verdi's monumental *dramma lirico* of war, revenge and love at the Semperoper in the first performance series in 2019 after the opera celebrated its premiere under the baton of Omer Meir Wellber, the principal guest conductor of the Semperoper. The thrilling and world-famous »Va, pensiero« – the »Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves« – will be sung by the State Opera Chorus and the Dresden Symphony Chorus, which is the Semperoper's auxiliary choir.

Following Korngold's »Die tote Stadt«, »Nabucco« is David Bösch's second production for the Semperoper. The scenery by stage designer Patrick Bannwart, which is reminiscent of the Tower of Babel, functions both as Jehovah's temple and a home for refugees. Against this backdrop, the director unleashes the cruel and sacrificial struggle for power and love in thrilling scenes. With its visual power and Verdi's poignant music, this ageless Dresden opera production could hardly be more topical or more searing as it reflects on our global problems of war and those forced to flee their homes and seek refuge.

»Nabucco« by Giuseppe Verdi

Revival opens on 29 May 2023

Further performances in June 2023 as indicated in our programme.

An introduction to the opera is offered 45 minutes before each performance.

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