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A stage production of The Royal Opera in co-production with Hamburg State Opera

Central to The Royal Opera's celebrations of the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten was Richard Jones's witty and insightful new production of Gloriana, written to honour the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The opera explores the last years of Queen Elizabeth I, focusing in particular on her troubled and complex relationship with the hot-headed young Earl of Essex. With powerful performances from a cast including Susan Bullock as Queen Elizabeth I and Toby Spence as the dashing but ultimately treacherous Essex, Gloriana is at once a celebration and a tragedy. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

Sung in English with English, French, German, Japanese and Korean subtitles

EXTRA FEATURES

An Introduction to Benjamin Britten's Gloriana Britten's Aldeburgh Cast Gallery

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Elizabeth I SUSAN BULLOCK Earl of Essex TOBY SPENCE Lord Mountjoy MARK STONE Sir Walter Raleigh CLIVE BAYLEY

Sir Robert Cecil JEREMY CARPENTER Lady Rich KATE ROYAL

Countess of Essex PATRICIA BARDON Blind Ballad-Singer BRINDLEY SHERRATT

ROYAL OPERA CHORUS

Chorus Director RENATO BALSADONNA Chorus Master for Gloriana STEPHEN WESTROP

ORCHESTRA OF THE

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Concert Master PETER MANNING

Conductor PAUL DANIEL **Director RICHARD JONES**

Designs ULTZ Lighting design MIMI JORDAN SHERIN

Choreography LUCY BURGE

Directed for the screen by ROBIN LOUGH Kate Royal appears courtesy of Warner Classics

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