



Wagner
RIENZI

Theatre du Capitole, Toulouse

Rienzi	Torsten Kerl
Irene	Marika Schönberg
Adriano	Daniela Sindram
Colonna	Richard Wiegold
Orsini	Stefan Heidemann
Cardinal Orvieto	Robert Bork
Baroncelli	Marc Heller
Cecco del Vecchio	Leonardo Neiva
Peace Messenger	Jennifer O'Loughlin

Orchestre national du Capitole
Choeur du Capitole
Choeur de l'Accademia
Teatro alla Scala de Milan

Conductor	Pinchas Steinberg
Director	Jorge Lavelli

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Championing love and personal heroism in the face of ecclesiastical oppression and political chicanery, Wagner's third opera explores characteristic themes with terrific energy which culminates in the eponymous Roman tribune's famous prayer to the gods of his fatherland, followed by a riot which prefigures the young composer's own abortive career as a firebrand and revolutionary. Within the timeless and elegant minimalism of Jorge Lavelli's production, Torsten Kerl brings ringing authority to the title role, supported by the experienced Wagnerian Pinchas Steinberg.

- Opus Arte's key release for the Wagner BICENTENARY.
- Features Torsten Kerl as Rienzi - a role he has won wide acclaim for.
- Conducted by Pinchas Steinberg, who draws particularly fine playing from the Capitole's orchestra.
- Extra features include: 'Thoughts on Rienzi' and Cast gallery.

What the press said:

“[Steinberg's] reading of *Rienzi*, too, was full of energy and vitality, well suited to what this music needs. He got a great performance from the Capitole's orchestra, which is the best in some 400 miles around. The Choirs were also excellent in a very demanding opera for them. [Torsten Kerl] was excellent all along and it can be considered a luxury to have him as Rienzi in Toulouse.” *Seen and Heard International*



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