



Britten
GLORIANA
 Royal Opera House

Queen Elizabeth I	Susan Bullock
Earl of Essex	Toby Spence
Countess of Essex	Patricia Bardon
Lord Mountjoy	Mark Stone
Lady Rich	Kate Royal
Sir Robert Cecil	Jeremy Carpenter
Sir Walter Raleigh	Clive Bayley
Ballad Singer	Brindley Sherratt

Royal Opera Chorus
 Orchestra of the Royal Opera House

Conductor	Paul Daniel
Director	Richard Jones

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Central to the Royal Opera's centenary celebrations marking the birth of Benjamin Britten was Richard Jones's witty and insightful new production of the royal operatic pageant that Britten wrote to honour the Coronation, exploring the late life, love and death of Queen Elizabeth I. With powerfully characterised performances by Susan Bullock as Queen Elizabeth and Toby Spence as the dashing and treacherous Earl of Essex, *Gloriana* is revealed as at once a celebration and a tragedy.

- Commissioned by the Royal Opera House in 1953 to mark the Coronation of Elizabeth II
- Richard Jones' production is set as a 1950s parish hall performance of the Elizabethan drama.
- Extra features: Inside Rehearsals, *Gloriana* Behind the Scenes and a cast gallery.

What the press said:

“[Director, Richard Jones] paints the picture with a delicate brush and an affectionate humour which also allows deeper emotion to shine through: his staging of the apotheosis in which reality dissolves into a hallucinatory newsreel is both moving and surprising...” *The Daily Telegraph*

“what performances we get: Susan Bullock is an awe-inspiring Gloriana - imperious, perverse, tormented - while Toby Spence, as Essex, has regained all his pristine vocal lustre” *The Independent*



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