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L'ORFEO

CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI 1567-1643

A stellar ensemble of singers gathers at Amsterdam's De Nederlandse Opera for a haunting staging of the earliest masterpiece in operatic history. John Mark Ainsley, a tenor hailed as the greatest Orfeo of his generation, appears in the title role and is supported by renowned counter-tenor Michael Chance. Internationally celebrated director Pierre Audi uses a minimalist and symbolic visual style, loosely based on the traditions of Japanese Noh drama, to tell the story of a poet's epic journey into the realm of death to rescue his beloved wife. A gripping, beautiful and moving *Orfeo*.

'Musically stunning... dramatically urgent' *Opera Today*

DVD CHOICE December 2005 *BBC Music Magazine*

Sung in Italian with English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Dutch subtitles

EXTRA FEATURES

- Illustrated synopsis - Cast gallery
- Introduction to the opera, directed by Roeland Hazendonk, including interviews with Stephen Stubbs, Pierre Audi and John Mark Ainsley

ORFEO John Mark Ainsley
 EURIDICE Juanita Lascarro
 LA MESSAGIERA Brigitte Balley
 APOLLO Russell Smythe
 LA MUSICA David Cordier
 LA SPERANZA Michael Chance
 CARONTE Mario Luperi
 PROSERPINA Bernarda Fink
 PLUTONE Dean Robinson

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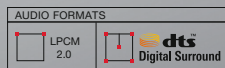
MUSIC DIRECTOR Stephen Stubbs
 STAGE DIRECTOR Pierre Audi
 VOCAL ENSEMBLE PREPARED BY Winfried Maczewski
 SET DESIGNS Michael Simon
 COSTUME DESIGNS Jorge Jara
 LIGHTING DESIGN Jean Kalman
 DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY Hans Hulscher
 EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS George van Breemen Sr, Frank van Praag
 DVD PRODUCER Ferenc van Damme
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