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# THE PERFECT AMERICAN

PHILIP GLASS 6.1937

The last days of the American icon Walt Disney form a powerful and poignant subject for Philip Glass's latest opera, which was filmed at its first performances in Madrid in January 2013. Phelim McDermott's spectacular production is worthy of Disney's own visual imagination and its definitive influence on American culture, while in the pit is the conductor Dennis Russell Davies, an experienced and authoritative champion of the composer's hypnotically beautiful music, which gives wings to Rudy Wurlitzer's operatic transformation of Peter Stephan Jungk's novel, using both fact and fiction to peer into Disney's troubled psyche as illness forces him to confront his mortality. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

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

EXTRA FEATURE  
CAST GALLERY



World premiere co-production of the Teatro Real, Madrid and English National Opera, London

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**Walt Disney** CHRISTOPHER PURVES  
**Roy Disney** DAVID PITTSINGER  
**Dantine** DONALD KAASCH  
**Hazel George** JANIS KELLY  
**Lillian Disney** MARIE McLAUGHLIN  
**Sharon** SARAH TYNAN  
**Diane** NAZAN FIKRET  
**Lucy/Josh** ROSIE LOMAS  
**Abraham Lincoln/A funerary worker** ZACHARY JAMES  
**Andy Warhol** JOHN EASTERLIN  
**Chuck/A doctor** JUAN NOVAL-MORO  
**A secretary** BEATRIZ DE GÁLVEZ  
**Nurse** NOELIA BUÑUEL

CORO Y ORQUESTA DEL TEATRO REAL (CORO INTERMEZZO, ORQUESTA SINFÓNICA DE MADRID)  
THE IMPROBABLE SKILLS ENSEMBLE

**Conductor** DENNIS RUSSELL DAVIES  
**Director** PHELM McDERMOTT  
**Set and costume designs** DAN POTRA  
**Lighting design** JON CLARK  
**Choreography** BEN WRIGHT  
**Video** LEO WARNER (59 PRODUCTIONS)  
**Chorus master** ANDRÉS MÁSPERO

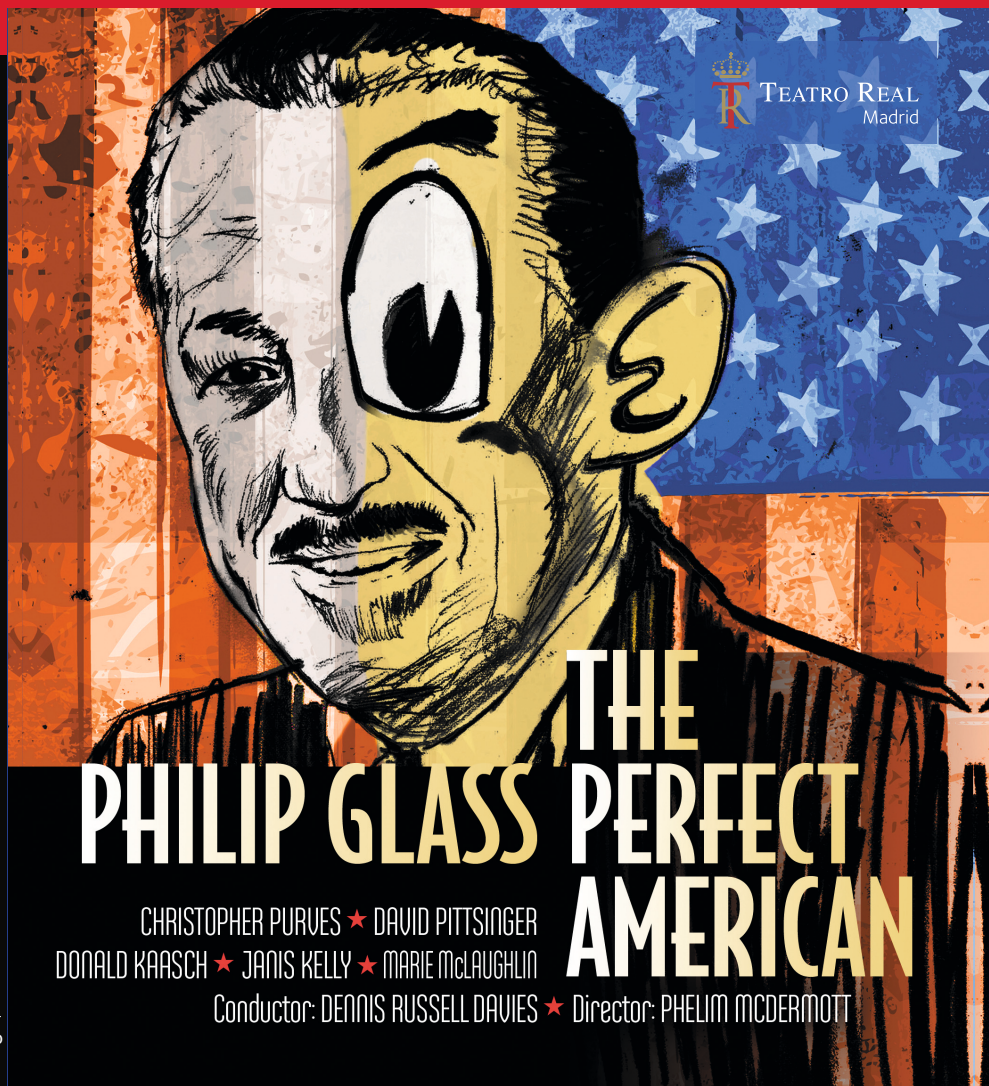


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ALL REGIONS

OPERA

AUDIO FORMATS



MUSIC

RUNNING TIME APPROX 120 MINS



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