

OPERA DE MONTECARLO SEASON 2016/2017

History:

Monte Carlo is the main town in Monaco, a small enclave on the French Riviera which has held on to its political identity since before the twelfth century. The Grimaldi family (the Guelphs) won its independence from the court of Genoa in the thirteenth century and has ruled the country, a principality, since then. However, there are long periods in its history when it was dominated or was a protectorate of various powers, most notably the House of Savoy, the Dukes of Milan, Spain, the Count of Provence, and France. The history of music there is primarily a function of who exercised power there, and the taste of the local ruler. Monte Carlo itself was founded in 1858 in response to a favorable shift in the region's economy and quickly became a leading resort destination. Prince Florestan authorized the opening of the famous Casino in 1862 and adopted a policy of supporting arts and entertainment in support of the tourist trade. The nation's permanent orchestra was founded in 1863 to give concerts in the Casino. A concert hall was built in 1872. The principality built its magnificent opera house, the Palais Garnier (designed by the same architect as the Paris Opéra's venerable house) in 1879, and the orchestra was brought in to serve at its productions. The Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra is the oldest permanently established orchestra in the French-speaking world, with a rich history of important premieres and a reputation for continuing high quality under a succession of great conductors.

Theater:





Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Friday 4th (8pm) November 2016

**Music by J. Williams, F. Keel, J. Ibert, Davies, F. Schubert, R. Rodgers & O. Hammerstein,
J. Lerner & F. Loewe, J. Bock**

Recital with **Bryn Terfel** - *Piano*: Natalia Katyukova

Salle des Princes Grimaldi Forum
Sunday 13th (3pm), Wednesday 16th (8pm) November 2016

Nabucco by G. Verdi

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo
Conductor: Giuseppe Finzi – *Director*: Leo Muscato
Performers: Leo Nucci, Gaston Rivero, Vitalij Kowaljow, Anna Pirozzi, Béatrice Uria-Monzon, José Antonio García, Maurizio Pace, Anna Nalbandiants

Auditorium Rainier III
Sunday 11th (3pm), Wednesday 14th (8pm) December 2016

Maria Stuarda by G. Donizetti

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo
Conductor: Antonio Fogliani – *Director*: tba
Performers: Laura Polverelli, Annick Massis, Francesco Demuro, In-Sung Sim, Fabio Maria Capitanucci, Karine Ohanyan

Auditorium Rainier III
Monday 12th (8pm) December 2016

Recital with **Jonas Kaufmann** - *Piano*: Helmut Deusch

Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Friday 20th (8pm), Sunday 22nd (3pm), Wednesday 25th (8pm),
Friday 27th (8pm) January 2017

Manon by J. Massenet

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo
Conductor: Alain Guingal – *Director*: Arnaud Bernard
Performers: Sonya Yoncheva, Charlotte Despaux, Jennifer Michel, Marion Lebègue, Jean-François Borrás, Lionel Lhote, Marc Barrard, Rodolphe Briand, Pierre Doyen



Salle des Princes Grimaldi Forum
Saturday 4th (8pm), Tuesday 7th (8pm) February 2017

La Cenerentola by G. Rossini

Les Musiciens du Prince

Conductor: Diego Fasolis – *Director:* tba

Performers: Edgardo Rocha, Alessandro Corbelli, Carlos Chausson, Sen Guo,
Liliana Nikiteanu, **Cecilia Bartoli**, Ugo Guagliardo

Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Sunday 19th (3pm), Wednesday 22nd (8pm), Saturday 25th (8pm),
Tuesday 28th (8pm) February 2017

Tannhäuser by R. Wagner

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo

Conductor: Nathalie Stutzmann – *Director:* Jean-Louis Grinda

Performers: Steven Humes, **José Cura**, Jean-François Lapointe, William Joyner, Roger Joakim, Gijs
van der Linden, Chul-Jun Kim, Meagan Miller, Aude Extrémo, Anaïs Constans

Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Saturday 4th (8pm) March 2017

Wesendonck-lieder by R. Wagner

Recital with **Nathalie Stutzmann** - *Piano:* Inger Södergren

Auditorium Rainier III
Sunday 5th (3pm), Wednesday 8th (8pm) March 2017

Simon Boccanegra by G. Verdi

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo

Conductor: **Pinchas Steinberg** – *Director:* tba

Performers: **Ludovic Tézier**, **Sondra Radvanovsky**, Andrea Mastroni,
Ramón Vargas, André Heijboer

Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Thursday 23rd (8pm), Sunday 26th (3pm),
Tuesday 28th (8pm), Thursday 30th (8pm) March 2017

Il barbiere di Siviglia by G. Rossini

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo

Conductor: Corrado Rovaris – *Director:* Adriano Sinivia

Performers: Dmitry Korchak, Bruno de Simone, Annalisa Stroppa, Mario Cassi, Marco Vinco,
Anunziata Vestri, Gabriele Ribis, Enzo Iorio

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Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Thursday 6th (8pm) April 2017

**Music by L. Berio, T. Takemitsu, G. Fauré, M. Ravel, I. Albéniz,
F. Liszt, L. Janáček, C. Debussy, J. Brahms**

*Piano recital with **Hélène Grimaud***

Opéra de Monte-Carlo - Salle Garnier
Friday 21st (8pm), Monday 24th (8pm), Thursday 27th (8pm), Sunday 30th (3pm) April 2017

Il Trovatore by G. Verdi

Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo - Chœur de l'Opéra de Monte-Carlo

*Conductor: **Daniel Harding** – Director: Francisco Negrin*

*Performers: Nicola Alaimo, **Maria Agresta**, Marina Prudenskaja, Francesco Meli,
José Antonio García, Karine Ohanyan, Christophe Berry*

