

STAATSOPER STUTT GART

Press Release

Stuttgart, October 13, 2023

David Hermann directs *Die Frau ohne Schatten* at Staatsoper Stuttgart

The Staatsoper Stuttgart presents *Die Frau ohne Schatten* by Richard Strauss, directed by David Hermann as the current season's first new production. The premiere takes place on **October 29 at 4 pm** with Musical Director **Cornelius Meister** at the helm of the Staatsorchester Stuttgart. In addition to the **Staatsorchester**, the **Staatsoperchor** and the **Children's Chorus**, the impressive cast includes renowned **Benjamin Bruns** (as Emperor), **Simone Schneider** (as Empress), **Evelyn Herlitzius** (as Nurse), **Irène Theorin** (as Barak's Wife) and **Martin Gantner** (as Barak).

In Richard Strauss' *Die Frau ohne Schatten* (*The Woman Without a Shadow*), based on a poem by **Hugo von Hofmannsthal**, are no children – neither in the world of the dyer and his wife nor in the world of the emperor and empress. The latter herself is a hybrid creature: She once roamed free as a gazelle before she was hunted down and imprisoned by the emperor. **David Hermann** narrates Strauss' monumental composition as some futuristic world in which life as we know it is no longer possible, but whose hybrid creatures – half human and half animal – may in the end offer a feasible way out.

With *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, David Hermann originally planned to debut as stage director in Stuttgart in the 2020/21 season. Due to restrictions the pandemic afforded, Hermann debuted instead with the Stuttgart premiere of *Das Lied von der Erde* – a staged version of Gustav Mahler's symphonic Lied cycle in October 2020.

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PREMIERE

Richard Strauss

Die Frau ohne Schatten

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 4 pm

Further performances

November 1, 5, 11 and, 26, 2023

December 2, 2023

Conductor **Cornelius Meister**

Director **David Hermann**

Stage/Light/Video Designer **Jo Schramm**

Costume Designers **Claudia Irro, Bettina Werner**

Dramaturg **Ingo Gerlach**

Chorus **Manuel Pujol**

Children's Chorus **Bernhard Moncado**

The Emperor **Benjamin Bruns**

The Empress **Simone Schneider**

The Nurse **Evelyn Herlitzius**

The Ghost messenger, the Guardian's voice **Michael Nagl**

The Guardian of the threshold, the Falcon's Voice **Josefin Feiler**

The Apparition of a Young Man **Kai Kluge**

The Voice from above **Annette Schön Müller**

Barak **Martin Gantner**

His Wife **Irène Theorin**

The one-eyed man, the Guardian's voice **Paweł Konik**

The one-armed man, the Guardian's voice **Andrew Bogard**

The hunchback, the Guardian's voice **Torsten Hofmann**

Servants, Children's voices, Voices of the Unborn **Alma Ruoqi Sun, Kyriaki Sirlantzi,**

Fanie Antonelou, Shannon Keegan, Deborah Saffery, Itzeli Jáuregui

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Kinderchor der Oper Stuttgart

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