

ELEKTRA

RICHARD STRAUSS

A co-production of West Australian Opera, ThinIce, Perth International Arts Festival and Opera Australia

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

8, 11 and 14 February only at 7.30pm

Conductor Richard Mills

Director Matthew Lutton

Set and Costumes Zoë Atkinson

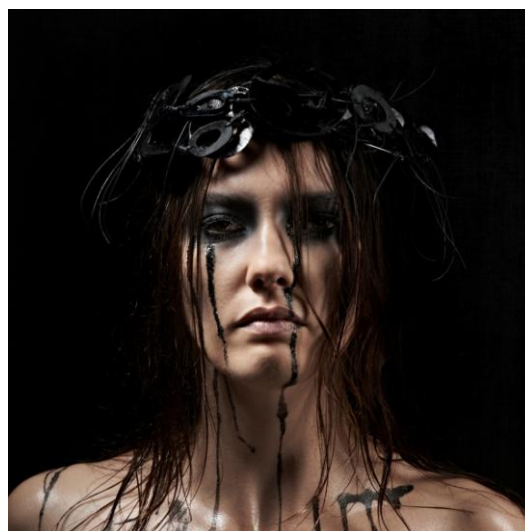
Lighting Paul Jackson

Elektra Eva Johansson

Chrysothemis Orla Boylan

Orest Daniel Sumegi

Klytämnestra Elizabeth Campbell



West Australian Opera Chorus

West Australian Symphony Orchestra

Sung in German with English surtitles

West Australian Opera, ThinIce and Perth International Arts Festival are excited to present the first-ever WA performances of Richard Strauss's opera **Elektra**. This fully staged production is directed by one of Australia's most talented young directors Matthew Lutton and conducted by the Artistic Director of West Australian Opera, Richard Mills.

Inspired by Sophocles' Greek tragedy, Richard Strauss's expressionist masterpiece deals with the theme of Elektra's passionate lust for vengeance.

Internationally renowned Danish soprano Eva Johansson's performances as Elektra on stage and on film have won her worldwide critical acclaim. Eva will be supported by Richard Greager (Aegisth), James Clayton (Orest's Tutor), Sarah-Janet Brittenden (Confidante), Lucy Mervik (Trainbearer), Sam Saker (Young Servant), Ryan Sharp (Old Servant), Merlyn Quaife (Overseer), Bernadette Lucarnus (First Maid), Donna Friedl (Second Maid), Fiona Campbell (Third Maid), Harriet Marshall (Fourth Maid) and Jennifer Barrington (Fifth Maid).

Actor James Berlyn takes on the non-singing role of Agamemnon whilst another actor, Shirley van Sanden will also join the cast as a servant.

Elektra gives us one of Western civilisation's greatest stories of fanatical love and revenge. A tour de force that drives performers and orchestra to their limit. In this commanding production, the company will be supported by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra and West Australian Opera Chorus under the baton of Richard Mills.

Tickets on sale NOW through BOCS on 9484 1133 or www.bocsticketing.com.au

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