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Norma

Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835)

In Guy Joosten's ingenious production of Bellini's masterpiece, *Norma* is about more than just beautiful singing. It becomes a layered, timeless drama in which Norma is the archetypal successful woman struggling to retain her dominant but vulnerable position. Hasmik Papian's lyrical and intense interpretation of the title role accentuates the striking similarity between a Druid high priestess and a modern opera diva. Conductor Julian Reynolds guides the brilliant cast, chorus and Netherlands Chamber Orchestra to great heights, providing a refreshing new take on the *chef d'oeuvre* of *bel canto*.

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

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Netherlands Chamber Orchestra
 Chorus of De Nederlandse Opera
 Musical Director **Julian Reynolds**
 Stage Director **Guy Joosten**

EXTRA FEATURES

- Introduction, directed by Roeland Hazendonk, including interviews with principal members of the cast and the artistic team.
- Illustrated synopsis
- Cast gallery



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MUSIC 16/9 ANAMORPHIC



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