

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN JACQUES OFFENBACH (1819–1880)

Giancarlo Del Monaco's passionate and intelligent production of Jacques Offenbach's *magnum opus* creates a climactic kaleidoscope of deep and convincing emotions. A highly credible incarnation of the pitiable Kleinzach he sings about, Aquiles Machado is the poet who loses his romantic idealism, his reflection and finally his soul to a 'trio of charming enchantresses'. Conductor Alain Guingal inspires the superbly dramatic cast, including María Bayo, Milagros Poblador, Valentina Kutzarova and Katharine Goeldner, in an outstanding recording in High Definition video and surround sound.

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

TV Director Angel Luis Ramírez Music Producer James Whitbourn Producer Angela Alvarez Rilla TV recording © Opus Arte/ABAO 2006 An Opus Arte/Asociación Bilbaina de Amigos de la Ópera production in association with TVE DVD Producer Ferenc van Damme DVD Executive Producer Hans Petri DVD © Opus Arte 2007 www.opuSarte.com



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SUBTITLES: ENGLISH, FRANÇAIS, DEUTSCH, ESPAÑOL, ITALIANO

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Recorded in High Definition and surround sound.

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AUDIO FORMATS

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STAGE DIRECTOR GIANCARLO DEL MONACO SET AND COSTUME DESIGNER MICHAEL SCOTT LIGHTING DESIGNER WOLFGANG VON ZOUBEK

EXTRA FEATURES

Interviews with María Bayo, Aquiles Machado & Juan Carlos Matellanes (President of ABAO)
Illustrated synopsis
Cast gallery



RUNNING TIME APPROX 185 MINUTES

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