

# LESSONS IN LOVE AND VIOLENCE

**MUSIC GEORGE BENJAMIN**  
**TEXT MARTIN CRIMP**

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George Benjamin and Martin Crimp's second full-length opera – following the acclaimed *Written on Skin* – draws on the real-life relationship between Edward II and Piers Gaveston to explore how personal relationships can have fatal political consequences. The King lives in a close but uneasy relationship with his wife Isabel, their two children and his lover Gaveston. When the King banishes his military advisor Mortimer, he sets off a chain of devastating events.

Benjamin's richly-orchestrated score perfectly captures the drama's intense emotions, while director Katie Mitchell provides a visually stunning contemporary staging, highlighting the timelessness of the opera's main themes. The composer himself conducts a superb international cast. Recorded in true surround sound.

Sung in English with English, French, German, Japanese and Korean subtitles

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King **STÉPHANE DEGOUT**  
Isabel **BARBARA HANNIGAN**  
Gaveston/Stranger **GYULA ORENDT**  
Mortimer **PETER HOARE**  
Boy, later Young King **SAMUEL BODEN**  
Girl **OCEAN BARRINGTON-COOK**  
Witness 1/Singer 1/Woman 1 **JENNIFER FRANCE**  
Witness 2/Singer 2/Woman 2 **KRISZTINA SZABÓ**  
Witness 3/Madman **ANDRI BJÖRN RÓBERTSSON**

**ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**  
Co-Concert Master **SERGEY LEVITIN**

Conductor **GEORGE BENJAMIN\***  
Director **KATIE MITCHELL**  
Designer **VICKI MORTIMER**  
Lighting designer **JAMES FARNCOMBE**  
Movement director and Associate director **JOSEPH ALFORD**

Directed for the screen by **MARGARET WILLIAMS**

**EXTRA FEATURES**  
Clemency Burton-Hill interviews George Benjamin, Martin Crimp and Katie Mitchell · Cast gallery



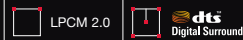
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