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> Theatre Washington National Opera

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> Theatre Canadian Opera Company

Director Matthew Richardson **GEORGIANA**

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Theatre Gran Teatre del Liceu Costumes Director Matthew Richardson RIGOLETTO (Revival)

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> Teatro Real, Madrid Theatre

Director David Alden **JENUFA** (Revival)

Costumes Theatre **English National Opera**

Director **MAOMETTO II (Revival)** David Alden

> Theatre Canadian Opera Company

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Director **OTELLO** David Alden

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> > Cont.

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Director David Alden
Theatre Santa Fe Opera

RIGOLETTO (Revival)

Director Matthew Richardson
Theatre Scottish Opera.

Director Christopher Alden

Opera Australia

Helpmann Award Best Opera & Outstanding Design Green Room Awards Australia

Theatre

DER VOGELHANDLERDirectors Beate Vollack, Natascha Ursuliak

Theatre Landestheater

AIDA Director Tim Albery

PARTENOPE (Revival)

Costumes Theatre Canadian Opera Company, Toronto

TANNHAUSER Director Tim Albery

Costumes Theatre Royal Opera House

KATYA KABANOVA (Revival) Director David Alden

Costumes Theatre Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera

MEDEA IN CORINTO Director David Alden

Costumes Theatre St Gallen, Switzerland

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Director Philippe Calvario

Theatre Staatsoper, Hamburg

PARTENOPEDirectorChristopher AldenCostumesTheatreEnglish National Opera

Olivier Award Best New Opera Production

WERTHER Director Dalia Ibelhauptaite

Set Design Theatres Vilnius Congress Hall, Vilnius Orchestra

LA CLEMENZA DI TITO Director Graham Vick

Theatre Teatro Regio Di Torino

TURANDOT Directors Matthew Richardson, Patrik Sorling

Theatre Norrlands Opera, Sweden

ANGELS IN AMERICA
Costumes

Director Philippe Calvario
Theatre Le Chatelet, Paris

CECILIA & THE MONKEY KING Director Patrik Sorling

Theatre Drottningholms Slottsteater Sweden

RIGOLETTO Director Matthew Richardson

Theatre New Zealand Opera

JENUFA Director David Alden

Costumes Theatres Houston Grand Opera, ENO,

Washington National Opera

Olivier Award Best New Opera Production

CENDRILLON Director Nick Broadhurst

Theatre Staatstheater Darmstadt

TALES OF HOFFMAN Director Nick Broadhurst

Theatre Saarlandische Staatstheater GmbH

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Costumes Theatres Opera North, Opera Australia

VILAR YOUNG ARTISTS Director John Cox

SHOWCASE 2002 Theatre Royal Opera House

DEIDAMIA Director Nick Broadhurst
Theatre Opernhaus Halle

Theatre Staatstheater Darmstadt

Nick Broadhurst

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LOHENGRIN

Costumes Theatre English National Opera Cont.

Director

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Theatre Schilertheater NRW Wuppertal

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ARABELLA Director Francisco Negrin

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THE TWO WIDOWS Director Graham Vick

Theatre City of Birmingham Touring Opera

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SUOR ANGELICA Director Per Erick Ohrn

Theatre Norrlands Operan, Sweden

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Theatre Norrlands Operan, Sweden

CARMEN Director Patrik Sorling

Theatre National Touring Theatre, Sweden

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Theatres Welsh National Opera, Houston Grand Opera

FAUST Director Matthew Richardson

Theatre Birmingham Touring Opera

FORTUNATO Director Matthew Richardson

Theatre Norrlands Operan, Sweden

NATIONAL OPERA STUDIO Director Tim Albery

Showcase Theatre Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY Director John Cox

Costumes and Assoc. Set Designer Theatre Opera de Monte Carlo, Monaco

THEATRE CREDITS:

ANYTHING GOES (Opens June 2021) Director Kathleen Marshall

Costumes Theatre Barbican & UK Tour 2021

PETER PAN (Revival) Directors Timothy Sheader, Liam Steel
Costumes Theatre Regent's Park Open Air Theatre

RICHARD III Director Rupert Goold Costumes Theatre Almeida Theatre

PETER PAN Directors Timothy Sheader, Liam Steel
Costumes Theatre Regent's Park Open Air Theatre

TOP HAT (The Musical) Director Matthew White

Costumes (Two UK Tours, Japan Tour)

Theatre UK Tour & Aldwych Theatre West End

Olivier Awards for Best Costume Design & Best Musical Winner of the London Evening Standard Best Night Out Award

SONNY BOYS Director Martin Duncan

Theatre Deutsches Theatre, Berlin

Choreographer

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR Director Martin Duncan

Theatre Chichester Festival Theatre

HIS DARK MATERIALS Director Nicholas Hytner

Costumes Theatre Royal National Theatre

THE WINTER'S TALE Director Nicholas Hytner

Costumes Theatre Royal National Theatre

TALK OF THE CITYCostumes

Director
Stephen Poliakoff
Theatre
Swan Theatre RSC

BALLET CREDITS:

CINDERELLA

UNDINEChoreographerBeate Vollack(Opens April 2021)TheatreBallet Graz

Theatre The Royal Danish Ballet

KAREN BLIXEN Choreographer Gregory Dean

Theatre The Royal Danish Ballet

Gregory Dean

DIE JAHRESZEITENChoreographer Beate Vollack

Theatre St. Gallen, Switzerland, Opera Graz

SCHLAFES BRUDER Choreographer Beate Vollack

Theatre St. Gallen, Switzerland

QUEEN OF SPADES Choreographer Liam Scarlett

Theatre Royal Danish Ballet

SYMPHONIC DANCES Choreographer Liam Scarlett

Theatre Royal Opera House

TIPPING POINT Choreographer Ashley Page

Theatre Joffrey Ballet, Chicago

FEARFUL SYMMETRIES Choreographer Liam Scarlett

Theatre San Francisco Ballet

TRYPTYCH Choreographer Ashley Page

Theatre Oldenburgisches Ballet

SUBTERRAIN Choreographer Ashley Page

Company Rambert Dance Company

Theatre Sadler's Wells

GUIDE TO STRANGE PLACES Choreographer Ashley Page

WORLD PREMIER Theatre San Francisco Ballet

NIGHTSWIMMING INTO DAY

Choreographer Ashley Page
Company

Scottish Ballet

Theatre Theatre Royal Glasgow

RUSH Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon

Theatres Edinburgh Festival, San Francisco Ballet,

Pennsylvania Ballet, Hong Kong Ballet

32 CRYPTOGRAMS Choreographer Ashley Page

Company Scottish Ballet, Theatre Royal Glasgow

CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon

Theatres New York City Ballet, Houston Ballet

THIS HOUSE WILL BURN Choreographer Ashley Page

Set in collaboration with Stephen Chambers Theatre Royal Ballet Covent Garden

SAWDUST & TINSEL Choreographer Ashley Page

Theatre Royal Ballet Sadlers Wells

WHEN WE STOP TALKING Choreographer Ashley Page

Theatre Royal Ballet Dance Bites Tour

TWO PART INVENTION Choreographer Ashley Page

Costumes Theatre Royal Ballet Covent Garden Cont.

ROOM OF COOKS Choreographer Ashley Page

Costumes Theatre Royal Ballet Dance Bites Tour

T.Y.C.T.M.F.B Choreographer Ashley Page

Co - Designer Theatre Dutch National Ballet

TELEVISION CREDITS:

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTHDirectorJames StrongJill Dando "Tonight" Special for ITV Real CrimeProducerIngrid Kelly

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LADY JANEDirectorJames StrongITV Real CrimeProducerMiranda Peters

Prod. Co. Granada Factual

THE BLOODINGDirectorJames StrongITV Real CrimeProducerJane BeaconProd. Co.Granada Factual

NATIONALITY: British

REVIEWS:

"TIPPING POINT" Joffrey Ballet Chicago:

Chicago Tribune "... "Tipping Point" mythologizes the physical, creating a cool, metaphysical universe ruling the actions of the heavens, the earth and human beings alike. Jon Morrell's striking scenic design - five giant squares of weighty, cracked mineral surfaces - brings home the conceit, aided by David Finn's lighting."

"PETER PAN" Regent's Park Open Air Theatre:

The Independent, Holly Williams "..... Neverland is a great fit for this outdoor theatre. The pirates - lavishly costumed by Jon Morrell - are a pan-historical and international bunch, including samurais, Scottish barbarians and medieval knights; not as scary as they might be (especially Captain Hook), but great fun. Fight scenes are rollicking, while the buoyant, bouncing flying will have you yearning to join in".

London Theatre.co.uk, Tom Millward "Directors Timothy Sheader and Liam Steel have put together the most creatively imaginative production I have seen in a very long time.Indeed all the pirate crew are dressed in amazing costumes, designed by Jon Morrell, which resemble different warriors from the pages of history - whether it be a Scottish barbarian, an Arabian assassin or Roman centurion."

"OTELLO" English National Opera:

Evening Standard, Barry Millington, "The staging is compelling theatre ... Jon Morrell's set locates the action in a 1920s Mediterranean fortress town, its distressed surfaces redolent of former glory."

The Telegraph, Rupert Christiansen, "Handsomely designed by Jon Morrell and set against the crumbling walls of a Mediterranean garrison town in the late 19th century, it presented a relatively straightforward and naturalistic view of the piece.".

The Independent, Michael Church, "The curtain rises on a crowd of people huddled together under thunder and lightning on the quayside of a Mediterranean port: their costumes suggest the Twenties, the crumbling architecture of Jon Morrell's set suggests the end of the once-grand Venetian empire... In this flawless production we watch the disintegration of the hero with fascinated horror, as the seeds of madness are sown and he becomes locked into his cycle of doom."

"PARTENOPE" San Francisco Opera: San Francisco Gate, Joshua Kosman, "...Soprano Danielle de Niese ... looked stunning. Jon Morrell's costumes were eye-catching throughout."

"TOP HAT" (The Musical) UK Tour 2, New Wimbledon Theatre: West End Frame, Andrew Tomlins, "Jon Morrell's costume design is absolutely stunning.", Smooth FM, Paul Phear, "5 STARS. A golden night of breathtaking elegance and madcap comedy" Local Guardian.co.uk, Becky Middleton, "The beautiful costumes, high energy tap-dance and a live orchestra make Top Hat a truly spectacular production for all the family ... Top Hat won the Olivier award for the Best New Musical, Best Costume Design and Best Theatre Choreography last year and it is easy to see why.

"DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NÜRNBERG" Netherlands Opera: Het Muziektheatre Amsterdam, Kristen Huebner, "Costume designer Jon Morrell brought the atmosphere of 16th-century Nuremberg to life. In one scene there was a dance for a crew of witches with gigantic heads, clad in black shawls, the only recognizably interesting part of the getup being their radioactively colorful boots, which were so in fashion at the time. This was a clear wink at the arc of the story, as we realize that Sachs, a cobbler, is indeed at its heart. By taking remnants of fashion from the past, Morrell created a new aesthetic, very modern, fresh, and attention-grabbing."

Chicago Tribune, John von Rhein, "John Morrell's handsome sets and costumes – a postmodern mix of Saracen swords and Civil War bayonets within a Classical Grecian enclosure – kept what could have been a ponderous three-hour show moving along nicely."

The New Mexican, James M. Keller, "Set in Napoleonic times, find wide ranging possibilities in the unit set, which is strikingly conceived by Jon Morell, who also designed the costumes (including groups of Empire-style gowns in muted Crayola colours - just gorgeous).

"MAOMETTO II" Santa Fe Opera: The New York Times, Anthony Tommasini, "Maometto II is magnificent...Jon Morrell, gives the story an updated look. Characters are dressed in 19th-century styles suggesting Rossini's time; a simple unit set with curved walls evokes ancient marbles temples. Sections of the wall slide to reveal murals and inner sanctums suggesting a city square in Begroponte."

Opera Lively, "This production is spectacular and one of the best I've ever seen...The set design and costumes were very tasteful and interesting, with a large number of clever solutions. The opera opens in a semicircular room ...to the left, there is a large marble panel featuring the words (in Italian) - 'Venice, the last bastion of liberty, justice, and peace — Petrarca.' To the right, there is a canvass covering a large painting on the wall (as we learn later). Stairs come from below the stage to the right side of the wall. It turns out that this wall accomplishes several functions. The Petrarca quotation slides to the left to let visible an altar with period paintings of saints. The canvas is yanked out by Paolo to reveal a huge portrait of his late wife, Anna's mother. Once the invading Turk army arrives, the floor of the stage breaks down in large fissures, and the warriors

Then, once Maometto comes in, he literally bursts throughout the walls, piercing the location where Anna's mother's portrait was - a move that is not without interesting symbolism. A youngster walks next to him like a shadow (silent role), holding a skeleton (indicating that Maometto spreads death wherever he goes). The altar is also replaced with a wall opening, through which the statue of three horses slides down, for Maometto to climb on top of them and ride to battle. Impressive!"

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Santa Fe Reporter, John Stege, "Every element of this show shouts grandeur...Jon Morrell's set and costume designs offer thought-provoking imagery throughout. Maometto glitters with dark malice while his acrobatic minions, ninja warriors brandishing quarterstaves, leap about with frightening energy. The monumental, monochromatic set bears a pro-patria inscription from Petrarch, heightening Rossini's, nationalistic focus on Christian vs. Muslim values."

Opera Today, J.A. Van Sant, "Much enhanced by Morrell whose innovative unit set was dynamic and surprising with costumes that were rich and pleasing."

"TOP HAT" (The Musical) Aldwych Theatre West End: Official London Theatre Guide, Matthew Amer, "Jon Morrell has been awarded his first ever Olivier Award [Best Costume Design] for his fabulously opulent costumes that brought the glamour of Hollywood's golden age to the West End stage. From intricate feathered evening dresses, colourful silk frocks, sensational show girl outfits and, of course, sophisticated top hat and tails, his work on the production wowed critics and audiences alike with each costume designed not only to look incredible, but also to allow the cast to fulfil the complicated choreography and move with ease."

Financial Times, Sarah Hemming, "It looks great and Jon Morrell's costumes too are gorgeous."

The Independent, Kate Bassett, ".the ladies swish in bias-cut satin, and the gents are, of course, dressed to the nines for 'Top hat, white tie and tails."

Sunday Telegraph ***** "A musical like this comes around once in a lifetime. If there has ever been a more sublimely performed, choreographed, orchestrated and costumed musical in the past 25 years, then I certainly haven't seen it."

The Daily Telegraph ***** "A classy and enjoyable evening"

wearing dark ninja outfits pour through the cracks, in a very striking effect.

The Telegraph, Charles Spencer, "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails...immaculately dressed as the title dictates and tapping their hearts out with terrific panache"

Time Out London, "...This is a lovely production to look at, with exquisite costumes by Jon Morrell" **Variety** "...the result is smart in every sense - not least because of the beautiful unified work by the design team."

"GUIDE TO STRANGE PLACES" World Premier San Francisco Ballet: Huffington Post. "...The striking scenic and costume design by Jon Morrell reinforces an idea of the industrial bleakness of modern existence, from which human connectedness remains our only salvation. "... An alien artist of extraordinary ability and distinction in the fields of set and costume design."

San Francisco Chronicle, Mary Ellen Hunt, "...showing off finely tuned musculature in Jon Morrell's body-hugging tops and shorts in various midnight shades of ruby, sapphire and emerald."

San Francisco Appeal, "Dressed in costumes with jewel-toned turtlenecks and black bottoms, and dancing in front of mysterious, can't-be-named satellite imagery, the 18 dancers may be boldly going where no one has gone before. And the opening catches the eye...dressed in a deep, rich purple. Dancing in front of a scrim painted like a road to nowhere"

"RIGOLETTO" Theatre Royal Glasgow: The FT, Andrew Clark, "This is a more gripping and surprising Rigoletto than any I can remember – an impact it achieves without a big budget or plot makeover. Its secret is to play with the audience's imagination, making us collude in the tricks theatre plays with reality."

The Guardian, Kate Molleson, "Director Matthew Richardson and designer Jon Morrell have pulled together a stylised, seedy underworld of latex sofas, disco balls and neon. Sets strewn with mutated life-sized pubescent dolls sit at jaunty angles to the stage, and the courtiers... noir shadows, Sinatra suits and 70s retro kitsch... and striking images."

"PARTENOPE", Sydney Opera House: The Sydney Morning Herald, Bryce Hallett, "He and his design team, Andrew Lieberman and Jon Morell, have created a sophisticated, art deco apartment in which the heroine appears as a fashionable and flirtatious society hostess."

The Sydney Morning Herald, Peter McCallum, "Jon Morell's costumes place carefully-toned colours to give a minimalist yet carefully detailed effect. Man Ray's involvement with Surrealism lends an intellectual pedigree to the absurdist elements and high-jinks."

"KATYA KABANOVA", English National Opera: London Evening Standard, Barry Millington, "Represented at is most formidable by Kabanicha, aided by Jon Morrell's splendidly outré costumes."

- "HIS DARK MATERIALS", National Theatre: Sunday Times, Robert Hewison, "John Morrell's excellent costumes effectively suggest a sinister Calvinist papacy crossed with the CIA..."
- "PARTENOPE", English National Opera: The Independent, Edward Seckerson, "Alden's staging, sharply dressed by costume designer Jon Morrell, plays naughtily and very convincingly on the idea that the sexual wars at home are far more perplexing for Partenope than the one threatening to dismantle her empire."
- Sunday Times, Hugh Canning, "Alden and his designers Andrew Lieberman and Jon Morrell, transport the action to a self-consciously sophisticated, art-decoish Paris of the 1920's, in which the heroine appears as a Nancy Cunard-like salon diva, as photographed by Man Ray... It works brilliantly because Alden catches the principal characters' posey veneer, which he gradually strips away, exposing their deeper emotions as Handel's music takes on darker tones ... Handel hasn't looked and sounded as good in a long time. Not to be missed."
- "CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS", New York Ballet, Houston Ballet: Newsday, Jocelyn Noveck, "Jon Morrell's costumes are fun and inventive, such as the tropical birds evoked by cheerleaders with pompoms and the mermaid too clutches her tail as she dances..."

Christopher Wheeldon, New York City Ballet. "... Vibrant and ingenious", Jon has "proved his talent for re-imagining the old and inventing the new."

"THE TWO WIDOWS", City of Birmingham Touring Opera: Sunday Times, Roderic Dunnett, "This brilliant piece of design and the sumptuous costumes are the work of Jon Morrell, whose good taste is urgently needed in British opera today."