

# STAATSOPER STUTT GART

Press Release

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## The fathers' fear

**Bastian Kraft stages *Idomeneo* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, General Music Director Cornelius Meister conducts**

In 2022, director **Bastian Kraft** created the successful Stuttgart production of *Rusalka*. Now he is back and together with his former production team, he puts Mozart's *Idomeneo* onto the stage. The new opera production premieres on 24 November under the musical direction of General Music Director **Cornelius Meister**. Tenor **Jeremy Ovenden** takes on the title role, **Anett Fritsch** the role of Idamante. Ensemble member and Kammersängerin **Diana Haller** sings Elettra, **Lavinia Bini Ilia** and **Charles Sy Arbace**.

In his opera *Idomeneo*, Mozart combined the various French and Italian operatic traditions of his time. With great virtuosity, he composed and put together the arias and pieces of chorus in order to create a larger scenic context: After returning home from the Trojan War, King Idomeneo finds himself in an adverse situation. Whilst caught on sea in a terrible storm, he promised his own son Idamante as sacrifice to the god Poseidon, should they all be saved in time.

Director Bastian Kraft stages the opera as a reflection on the **fathers' fear of their own sons**, the traces of the archaic within European civilization, the rebellion of nature as well as the generational conflicts. Kraft and his team create a scenic space that allows the characters to interact with their own **inner demons and dream figures** via **shadow projections**. Mozart's *Idomeneo* was last put to the Stuttgart stage in 2008.

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## PREMIERE

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## *Idomeneo*

Sunday, 24 November 2024, 5 pm

### Further performances

27 November 2024

2, 5, 16, 20, 27 December 2024

Conductor **Cornelius Meister**

Director **Bastian Kraft**

Stage **Peter Baur**

Costume **Jelena Miletić**

Video **Sophie Lux**

Light **Gerrit Jurda**

Chorus **Manuel Pujol**

Dramaturg **Franz-Erdmann Meyer-Herder**

Elettra **Diana Haller**

Ilija **Lavinia Bini**

Idomeneo **Jeremy Ovenden**

Idamante **Anett Fritsch**

Arbace **Charles Sy**

Voce di Nettuno **Aleksander Myrling**

**Staatsorchester Stuttgart**

**Staatsopernchor Stuttgart**

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