

Student Dress Rehearsals

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October 4, 2011 @ 7:00PM

The Royal Theatre

A cursed sailor alone on a crowded ship.

An uncomplicated plot about a complicated love story, based on a legendary myth. The Dutchman's life is devoid of that which could bring it meaning: the love of a good woman.

Music and Libretto by Richard Wagner
In German with English surtitles

The salty tang of the wild north seas and the stormy wind of desperate love. -Timothy Vernon, Conductor

A spectral ship with black masts and blood red sails, a phantom crew, a cursed sefarer on an endless voyage – here is the most haunting of all legends of the sea. In punishment for blasphemy, a captain is doomed to wander the oceans till the end of time. Rest, refuge, even the peace of death are barred to him unless he finds a woman who will love him until death. Every seven years he makes landfall in his desperate, weary search . . . and finally finds Senta, a girl who longs to save him.

Dutchman is gloriously romantic, evoking the wild splendour of the Norwegian fiords, giving a voice to the sea, and bringing to life characters as sharply drawn as the lusty, testosterone-fuelled sailors, the obsessively dreaming Senta, her acquisitive father, and the brooding, flawed, nameless hero.

With music as tempestuous and elemental as the sea, *Dutchman* is the work that marked Wagner as a monumental force in opera.



John Fanning
The Dutchman



Joni Henson
Senta



Gary Relyea
Daland



Robert Künzli
Erik

Performances continue: October 6, 8, 12, 14, 2011, at 8 pm, Matinée October 16 at 2:30 pm

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