Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth

presents

The Metropolitan Opera



Hamlet

Brett Dean

Saturday, June 4, 1 pm

Spaulding Auditorium • Dartmouth College • 2022



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Duration: 3 hours, 25 minutes including intermissions

(Cast in order of vocal appearance)

Ophelia	Brenda Rae
Ophelia	Sarah Connolly
Rosencrantz	Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen
Guildenstern	Christopher Lowrey
Hamlet	Allan Clayton
Laertes	David Butt Philip
Polonius	William Burden
Horatio	
Claudius	Rod Gilfry
Ghost	
Conductor	Nicholas Carter
Production	Neil Armfield
Costume Designers	Alice Babidge
Set Designer	
Lighting Designer	Jon Clark
Movement Director	Denni Sayers
Live in HD Director	Gary Halvorson
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Synopsis

ACT I

Hamlet is deeply disturbed by his father's untimely death and his mother's hasty marriage to the king's brother, Claudius. The ghost of the late king appears to Hamlet and tells him to avenge his death. Hamlet rejects Ophelia and dismisses Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. He asks the players to perform a scene mimicking the murder of King Hamlet by his brother, and Claudius reacts violently. Hamlet comes upon Claudius praying but is unable to kill him. Hamlet hears a muffled cry and, thinking that Claudius is spying on him, runs his sword through a tapestry, killing the unsuspecting Polonius. His father's ghost reappears, reminding Hamlet to avenge his death.

Intermission (30 Minutes)

ACT II

Laertes returns to Elsinore to avenge his father's death. Claudius manages to allay Laertes's violence by convincing him that Hamlet is the guilty one. Ophelia has gone mad as a result of Hamlet's rejection and the death of her father. Hamlet and Horatio happen upon Ophelia's funeral, and upon learning of her death, Hamlet provokes Laertes. Laertes challenges Hamlet to a duel. Hamlet accepts the challenge. Many deaths ensue.

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