

Restart Stages at Lincoln Center

presents

Juilliard NOW:

Vocal Arts and Historical Performance

Thursday, June 3, 5pm ET Damrosch Park

Selections from *Teseo*Music by George Frideric Handel
Libretto by Nicola Francesco Haym, after Philippe Quinault's *Thésée*Juilliard Opera and Juilliard415

Gary Thor Wedow, Conductor Stephen Wadsworth, Director

Cast (in order of vocal appearance)

Lila Dufy, Soprano (AD '21)

Agilea

Nicoletta Berry, Soprano (MM '22)

Alma Neuhaus, Mezzo-Soprano (MM '21)

Arcane

Maggie Reneé, Mezzo-Soprano (BM '20, MM '22)

Libby Sokolowski, Soprano (BM '22)

Jessica Niles, Soprano (BM '19, MM '21)

Arcane

Teseo

Juilliard415

Violin 1

Natalie Rose Kress (GD '21) Rachel Prendergast (MM '21) Tsutomu Will Copeland (MM '22) Joseph Lorang (MM '22)

Violin 2

Majka Demcak (MM '21) Aniela Eddy (MM '21)

Gabrielle Couillard-Després (BM '22)

Viola

Devin Moore (BM '23)

Graham Cohen (Pre-College '17; BM '21)

Cello

Charlie Reed (MM '21) Cullen O'Neil (MM '21) Sarah Stone (MM '15)

Bass

John Stajduhar (MM '21)

Recorder

Gaia Saetermoe-Howard (MM '22)

Oboe

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Pablo O'Connell (Pre-College '16; BM '20, MM '22)

Rassoon

Catalina Guevara Viquez (GD '21)

Harpsichord

Nicola Canzano (GD '21)

Tambourine Pablo O'Connell

Overture

Agilea: "È pur bello"

After Teseo has saved her life and delivered her to safety, Agilea, alone, takes note of his courage and selflessness and discovers the first stirrings of love.

Clizia: "Ti credo, sì, ben mio"

Teseo has also saved Clizia's life, and Arcane fears that she too might love Teseo, instead of him. They argue: Arcane insists he is ever faithful, but Clizia insists she isn't sure of him.

Clizia and Arcane: "Addio! Mio caro bene"

The lovers part as lovers, sad to have argued and sad to separate. Arcane returns to the battle.

Egeo: "Ricordati, o bella"

King Egeo, Agilea's guardian, has confessed to her that he loves her. He hesitantly ventures to offer the crown, realizing that it may take her time to grow accustomed to him as a lover.

Medea: "Quell'amor ch'è nato a forza"

Medea, who has a long history of using destructive magic to solve her problems in love, reminds herself that doing so has caused her only grief. She is determined to make things work with Teseo.

Teseo: "Non so più che bramar"

When Medea discovers that Teseo loves Agilea, she desperately offers to help him win her rival. Teseo doesn't trust Medea fully, but goes along with her plan: "With your help, how could I lose?" He must extricate himself from his affair with Medea without angering her.

Arcane: "Più non cerca libertà"

Happily reunited with Clizia, Arcane regrets his earlier jealousy and asks her to marry him. She accepts, and he salutes the beautiful freedom in their commitment.

Teseo: "S'armi il fato"

When Medea has finally turned against them, Teseo reassures Agilea that love and destiny are on their side, and that even dying to protect their love would be sweeter than allowing Medea to pull them apart.

Agilea: "Deh, serbate, o giusti dei"

Teseo has gone off to face Medea and reveal his true identity to King Egeo; Agilea prays for his safety—she can't imagine living without him.

Medea: "Ombre, sortite... Sibilando, ululando"

In the end, Medea is unable to let Teseo go, calling up her dark spirits to destroy her rival.

Program continues

Egeo: "Voglio stragi, e voglio morte"

Medea had promised Egeo she would help him win Agilea away from Teseo, but now she is threatening to destroy Agilea: Egeo explodes in a rage and sets off to punish the sorceress.

Arcane: "Benché tuoni"

Arcane, sobered but inspired to see Egeo's fury, realizes his newly strengthened devotion to Clizia makes him unafraid of anything.

Clizia: "Risplendete, amiche stelle"

Clizia, celebrating the dawning of a new day with Arcane, reminds him that doubting her faith is not the way to her heart.

Agilea: "M'adora l'idol mio"

Agilea allows herself to taste the happiness of being loved by Teseo, free from all distractions.

Teseo: "Tengo in pugno l'idol mio"

Medea has left Athens, and Egeo has happily surrendered his throne to Teseo, who can at last take Agilea's hand and look forward to a happy life with her.

Score edition by Peter Jones; synopses by Stephen Wadsworth
Assistant Stage Managers: Paulina Campbell*, Christian Rodriguez*, Jamie Salinger*
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1pm Juilliard NOW: Open House

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 DAMROSCH PARK

Noon Juilliard NOW: Brass Ensemble

5pm Juilliard NOW: Vocal Arts and Historical Performance

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 HEARST PLAZA

3pm Juilliard NOW: Preparatory Division

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 DAMROSCH PARK

4pm Juilliard NOW: Piano Open House Hosted by and Featuring Alumnus Emanuel Ax

8pm Juilliard NOW: Historical Performance

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 DAMROSCH PARK

Noon Juilliard NOW: Preparatory Division

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 HEARST PLAZA

4pm Juilliard NOW: Preparatory Division

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8pm Juilliard NOW: Continuum

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