

TALES OF Hoffmann

by Jacques Offenbach

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TALES OF HOFFMANN

Music by Jacques Offenbach (1819–1880) Libretto by Jules Barbier and Michel Carre Based on stories by E. T. A. Hoffmann (1776–1822) English Translation by Ruth and Thomas Martin by permission from G. Schirmer, Inc.

The Prologue

As his most recent but estranged flame, Stella, completes her leading role in the performance of *Don Givanni* in the opera house above, Hoffmann and his student cronies gather between acts in Luther's cellar tavern for a little lubrication and a good story. His competitor for Stella's attention, Counsillor Lindorff, has intercepted a love letter of apology from her to Hoffmann and decides to linger and watch the despondent Hoffmann drink himself under the table by the time the opera upstairs is over. He wishes a clear shot at Stella for the rest of the evening. The students led by his Yentl-like companion, Nicklas, entice Hoffmann into weaving a tale as a more interesting substitute for the remaining acts of *Giovanni*. The tale turns into a series of bizarre dreams of the "three" women embodied in his lost but beloved Stella.

Olympia

Hoffmann's first "dream" is of Olympia, a mechanical doll created by Dr. Spalanzani. With the miraculous eyes purchased from Coppelius, the gorgeous Olympia looks so human that she steals Hoffmann's heart. At the hands of the sinister Coppelius, the idol of Hoffmann's youthful ardor becomes a heartless machine which exposes his adolescent attraction to public ridicule.

INTERMISSION

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer and Conductor	Clayne Robison
Designer: sets, costumes, and lighting	Rory Scanlon
Stage Director for Prologue, Epilogue and Olymp	•
Stage Director for Giulietta Scene	Dennis Todd
Stage Director for Antonia Scene	Dan Balestrero
Orchestra Preparation	Clyn Barrus
T.	Music Director of the Philharmonic
Costumers	Norene Pollei, Sandra Gray
Assisant Costumer	Dixie Crystal
Musical Coaches	Rob Hancock, Nancy Larson
	John Simmons, Dan Montez
Technical Directors	O. Lee Walker, Bruce Duerden
Stage Manager	Brad Winterton
Assistant Technical Director	Don Parker
Assistant Costume Designer	Justine Maloy
Assistant Set Designer	Michael Helms
Assistant Lighting Designer	Karl Horst
Assistant to Mr. Scanlon	Margarete E. Young
Master Carpenter	John Shurtleff
Mask Construction	Mark Carpenter
Lighting Director	Doug Hendrickson
Scene Shop Foremen	Kirk Lorimer, Lynden Snider
Scene Painter	Boyd Wolz
Property Master	Todd Meyers
Property Assistant	Margarete E. Young
Sound	BYU Sound Services
Special Effects	Jon Holloman
Concert Manager	Paul Duerden
Publicity Coordinator	Carolyn Wirthlin
Poster Design	Kelly Boren
Publicity Photographer	Mark Philbrick
Publicity writer	Charlene Winters
Music Ticket Office Manager	Dennis Ellis
Artist	Diane Davies
Programs	Joyce de Lannoy
House Manager	Matt Bryan

CAST

(in order of appearance)

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Prologue, at Luther's Tavern

Andres, Stella's servant Counsillor Lindorff Luther, the Innkeeper Nathanael, student Hoffmann, the dissolute young poet Nicklas, Hoffmann's companion Jim Murphy Michael Wadsorth Ryan Anderson Adam Russell Michael Belnap Andrea C. Evans Jim Murphy Peter Van de Graaff John Hansen Adam Russell Marcus Arbizu Martha West

First Dream, at the laboratory in which Olympia was created

Dr. Spalanzani, Olympia's inventor Hoffmann, the infatuated youth Nicklas, Hoffmann's companion Dr. Coppelius, inventor of eyes and other blindnesses Cochenille, Spalanzani's servant Olympia, the doll Jay Thompson Jim Murphy Andrea C. Evans

Peter Van de Graaff Adam Russell Cheri Hancock Jay Thompson Tim Brewster Martha West

Michael Wadsworth Adam Russell Robin Parkin

Giulietta

In his next vision, the sensuous courtesan, Giulietta, buys Hoffmann's soul (his reflection) as agent for the devil, Dappertutto. Hinting that he can get the key to her boudoir, Giulietta seduces Hoffmann to kill her former conquest, Schlemil. Hoffmann kills Schlemil with Dapertutto's sword, but finds only an empty room and is left bereft of innocence, soul, and conquest.

Antonia

Antonia, the oversensitive artist who will smother either of too much singing or too little, draws out Hoffmann's more mature, protective instincts but still tramples them in yielding to the devil, Dr. Miracle's enticements to fame over family. She literally sings herself to death at Hoffmann's feet.

Epilogue

Stella triumphs in *Giovanni* and rushes to her forgiven Hoffmann's side. Hoffmann, never having received the letter of forgiveness, has drunk himself under the table in bitterness. Angry, Stella departs with Lindorff leaving Hoffmann to the inspiration of his muse.

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Second Dream, a party in the Venetian Harbor

Nicklas, Hoffmann's companion Giulietta, the courtesan Hoffmann, the lustful youth Schlemil, Giulietta's protector and most recent conquest Pittichinaccio, Schlemil's henchman Dappertutto, the devil's magician Andrea C. Evans Martha de Gutierrez Keith Furrows Martha West Katrina Millett Michael Belnap

Ryan Anderson John Sasine Peter Van de Graaff Ryan Anderson John Sasine Michael Wadsworth

Third Dream, at Antonia's hideaway apartment in Munich

Antonia, dying of a strange malady from her beautiful singing
Crespel, her father
Franz, his servant
Hoffmann, Antonia's protective suitor
Dr. Miracle, who brings the cure of death
Nicklas, Hoffmann's companion
Her Mother's Voice
Annette Frazier Reid
John Hansen
Tim Brewster
Marcus Arbizu
Peter Van de Graaff
Andrea C. Evans
Helen McCurdy

Kath Van de Graaff Berk Charleton Steve Parkin Keith Furrows Michael Wadsworth Martha West Colleen Butler

Epilogue, back at Luther's Tavern

(Same as prologue)

Stella, the prima donna and Hoffmann's now fading flame Hoffmann's Muse

Kristalee Bement Martha West Kristalee Bement Andrea C. Evans

CHORUS OF STUDENTS, CURIOUS TOWNSPEOPLE, AND COURTESANS

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Ryan Anderson	Darrell Hague	Dan Montez	Lance Spencer
Kristalee Bement	John Hansen	Robert Payson	John Sudds
Michael Bowers	Jorge Hernandez	Leticia Pizzino	Mark Swanson
Amy Bryson	Jared Hinde	Carla Pratt	Rinda Taylor
Stuart Bunderson	Gordon Jessee	Eric Prusse	Jay Thompson
Ruth Clegg	Pat Lathrop	David Ream	Eliana Treasure
Boyd Craig	Julie Mark	Adam Russell	Kendall Trump
Mark Dixon	Elden W. Maxwell	John Sasine	Bryan Wardell
Doug Ellis	David B. Monson	Russell Scribner	Dan Williams
		Tiffany Smith	Albert Workman

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Clyn D. Barrus, Music Director Clayne Robison, Conductor for *Tales of Hoffmann*

First Violins	Violas	Oboes	Trumpets
Mark Taylor, co-concertmaster John Tran,	Joanne Rust, principal Mark Asay Caroline Cluff	Vera Loveless, principal Cindy Anderson	Evan Bateman, principal Michael Siggard Tracy Stefl
Michael Abramson Alisyn Babcock Analyn Buis Janie Clayson Judy Fletcher Karen Hales Jean Hill Carolyn Holms LeeAnn Jolley Heather McConkie Ann Morrell Ann Norman Laurie Olsen	ichael Abramson lisyn Babcock nalyn Buis nie Clayson dy Fletcher aren Hales an Hill arolyn Holms eeAnn Jolley eather McConkie nn Morrell nn Norman Carol Sue Ettinger Laura MacBeth Susan Ostler Heather Roberts Cellos Christopher Abrahmson Michael Angerbauen Marianne Broomhead Cheryl Ann Call Shannan Christiansen Ruth Clay	English Horn David Lines Clarinets Robert Barrett, princial Neil Hoyt Bass Clarinet Bill Lee	Trombones Carl Hammer, principal Sam Tsugawa Bass Trombone Joel Temple Tuba Joel Kimzey Timpani
Second Violins D'Ann Loomis, principal Laurie Barrus Todd Benson Terry Bingham Melanie Jennings Rosalie Krantz Laurinda Olsen Aimee Ord Ken Rogerson	Margrete Gardner Julie Gilchrist Monica Rosborough Steve Thomas Basses David Johnson, principal Jeff Campbell Eric Hansen Mark Mortensen Greg Peterson Mark Terrana	Bassoons Cathy Chamberlain, principal Jane Sylvester Contra Bassoon David Hare Saxophone Kim Mitchell Horns Linda Seamons,	Jim Schouten Percussion Randall Beach, sec. leader Dan Adams Craig Barnard Kevin Cope Darren Duerden George Gillman Keely Wolsey Harp Janet Bensing
Lynn Skie Kathy Tebbs Elizabeth Thomas Lani Wilcox Amy Zabriskie	Flutes and Piccolo Steven Alder Yvonne Farnsworth David Kern	Linda Seamons, principal Keith Bradshaw Lynn Farrar Juli Thompson	Debra Woodwell Celeste Steven Erickson

PRODUCER'S NOTES

Behind the memorable tunes which pervade this Offenbach masterpiece lies a revealing, if not profound look at several of life's critical passages. There is the embarrassing revelation of our quickness to anger, self-pity, passion, unforgivingness, and worldly deception. There is also that tempting paradox which reveals both the dangers and blessings of the artistic life.

We hope you enjoy it both as the superb entertainment that it is and as the somewhat deeper look that it may hint at. We have enjoyed "revelling in its madness," and hope you will too.

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