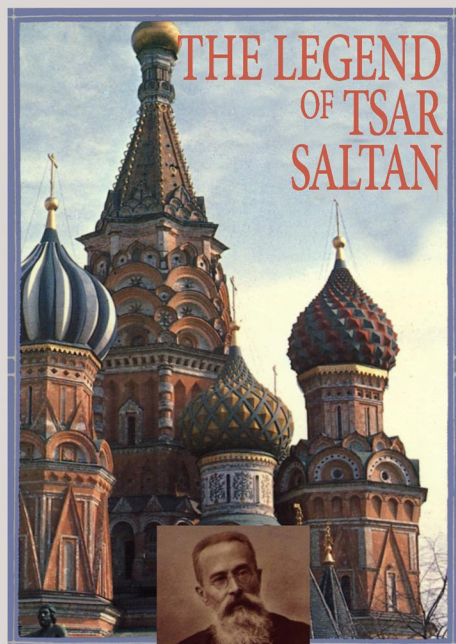




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The Legend of Tsar Saltan

by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Dresden State Opera • Conducted by Siegfried Kurz

Full Title:

*The Legend of Tsar Saltan, of His Son, the Famous and
Mighty Hero Prince Guidon, and of the Beautiful Swan Princess*

Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

Prologue, 4 acts and seven tableaux

Libretto: Vladimir Bielsky, after Pushkin (1832)

World Premiere: Moscow, Solodovnikov Theatre, November 1, 1900

U.S. Premiere: New York, St. James Theatre, December 27, 1937

Written by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov to celebrate the centennial birth of pre-eminent Russian poet Aleksandr Pushkin, this DVD features the whimsical and romantic opus that has become a staple of classic Russian opera. This full-length live performance, by the Dresden State Opera, is one of Rimsky-Korsakov's most symphonic operas, containing the dazzling, world-famous *Flight of the Bumble Bee* amongst its many melodies.

ABOUT NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV



Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a Russian composer immortalized as a master of orchestration. Renowned for his dedication to the invention and preservation of a nationalistic style, Rimsky-Korsakov was part of the Soviet musical collective known as The Five, dedicated to the art of Russian music rather than the European one. Having written monumental works such as *Russian Easter Festival Overture*, *Capriccio Espagnol*, and the symphonic suite *Scheherazade*, all of which are standards in the classical music repertoire, he is heralded as the principle creator of the classical Russian style.

THE PLOT

Distracted by battle and fooled by his Princess's family, Tsar Saltan exiles his wife and son Guidon. Guidon embarks on a mythical journey that concludes with his altruistic nature paying a course that culminates in the reunion of his family. This highly imaginative opera and innovative production serves as an archetypal example of classic Russian opera.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Staged and directed by Harry Kupfer, German Version
Dresden State Opera conducted by Siegfried Kurz

Starring:

Lidija Rushizkaja, Rolf Wollard, Barbara Hoene,
Stephan Spiewok, Elenore Elstermann,
Barbara Gubisch, Ilse Ludwig, Ingrid Schuh, &
Friederike Riedel.

Tsar Saltan	bass
Militrissa	soprano
Prince Guidon	tenor
Barbaricha	contralto
Swan Princess	soprano



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