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Thurs 19 – Sat 21 November

Based on the novel of the same name by Pushkin, this is perhaps Tchaikovsky's most popular opera. Full of the most memorable and beautiful music, it tells the story of a young rake (Eugene Onégin) who, having tired of the pleasures of St Petersburg's high life, moves to the country estate he has unexpectedly inherited. Here he befriends a poet, Vladímír Lénsky, who introduces Onégin to his fiancée Olga and her older sister Tatyána.

Tatyána falls in love with Onégin and declares herself to him in a letter but he does not return her feelings. At Tatyána's birthday party, he upsets both her and Lénsky by flirting with Olga. Lénsky overreacts and challenges Onégin to a duel at dawn. The next day they meet and Lénsky is shot dead, Onégin flees.

Some years later Onégin returns to St Petersburg where he again meets Tatyána who is now married to a distinguished General. Attracted to her now, he pursues her and writes her a letter declaring his love. But does she still love him? Will she abandon her position in society for his sake? Or will she stay true to her husband?

Directed by Robin Martin-Oliver

Musical Director Peter Cowdrey

English Translation by David Lloyd Jones

To book:

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