

Jacques Offenbach

# LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN

THE TALES OF HOFFMANN

Libretto by Jules Barbier

HD TRANSMISSION: DECEMBER 19, 2009

Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher (*South Pacific*) directs this new production, returning after the triumph of his Met *Barber of Seville* (seen live in HD in the 2006–07 season). Offenbach's fictionalized take on the life and loves of the German Romantic writer E.T.A. Hoffmann is a fascinating psychological journey. Met Music Director James Levine conducts Joseph Calleja in the tour-de-force title role, with Anna Netrebko as the tragic Antonia, Elina Garanča as the ambiguous Nicklausse, and Alan Held as demonic the four villains.

CONDUCTOR **James Levine**

PRODUCTION **Bartlett Sher**

SET DESIGNER **Michael Yeargan**

COSTUME DESIGNER **Catherine Zuber**

LIGHTING DESIGNER **James F. Ingalls**

CHOREOGRAPHER **Dou Dou Huang**

OLYMPIA **Kathleen Kim**

ANTONIA **Anna Netrebko**

GIULIETTA **Ekaterina Gubanova**

NICKLAUSSE / THE MUSE **Elina Garanča**

HOFFMANN **Joseph Calleja**

FOUR VILLAINS **Alan Held**

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\*Debut

**Joseph Calleja** as Hoffmann,  
photographed by Micaela Rossato  
with Anna Netrebko as Antonia

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