



LONGBOROUGH
— FESTIVAL OPERA —

Wahnfried: The birth of the Wagner cult

Sung in German and English with English surtitles

One interval of 90 minutes.

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FIRST PERFORMANCE OF WAHNFRIED

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FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THIS PRODUCTION

Longborough Festival Opera, 27 May 2025

CONDUCTOR Justin Brown

DIRECTOR Polly Graham

DESIGNER Max Johns

COSTUME DESIGNER Anisha Fields

ASSOCIATE DESIGNER Alys Whitehead

LIGHTING DESIGNER Peter Small

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THE CAST

HOUSTON STEWART CHAMBERLAIN Mark Le Brocq

COSIMA WAGNER Susan Bullock CBE

ANNA CHAMBERLAIN, *Houston's first wife*
Meeta Raval

WAGNER-DÆMON (RICHARD WAGNER)

Oskar McCarthy

HERMANN LEVI, *first conductor of Parsifal*

Edmund Danon

SIEGFRIED WAGNER, *son of Richard and Cosima*

Andrew Watts

ISOLDE WAGNER, *elder daughter of Richard and Cosima*
Alexandra Lowe

EVA WAGNER, *younger daughter of Richard and Cosima*
Meeta Raval

WINIFRED WAGNER, *Siegfried's wife*
Alexandra Lowe

THE MASTER'S DISCIPLE (HITLER) Adrian Dwyer

KAISER WILHELM II Antoin Herrera-López Kessel

MIKHAIL BAKUNIN, *Russian anarchist*

Antoin Herrera-López Kessel

ACROBAT Tamzen Moulding

DANIELA VON BÜLOW, *daughter from Cosima's first marriage to Hans von Bülow*
Rachael Hughes

BLANDINE VON BÜLOW, *daughter from Cosima's first marriage to Hans von Bülow*
Cicely-Yishuo Hé

YOUNG SIEGFRIED Leo Harrison

YOUNG ISOLDE Maisie O'Brien

YOUNG EVA Bethany Allan Molland

SHEPHERD BOY Archie Campbell

CHORUS

Soprano: Eleanor Broomfield, Harriet Cameron, Rachael Hughes, Robyn Pullen

Mezzo-soprano: Noémie Johns, Cicely-Yishuo Hé, Deborah Holborn, Hera Protopapas

Tenor: Thomas Antoniw, Laurence Panter, Gabriel Seawright, Andi Woodmansey

Bass: Charlie Baigent, Aaron Holmes, William Kyle, Jack Sandison

And the Longborough Community Chorus:

David Artingstall, Hazel Cook, Simon Cook, Neil Fyfe, Mike Harvey, Karen Henderson, Molly Hughes, Bethany Allan Molland, Polly Mortimer, Londa Ntotila, Maisie O'Brien, Robert Stanley, Tim Raistrick, John Robertson, Beth Wynn Williams