



Fairy Tales in Classical Music

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Fairytales in Classical Music: Not Just for Halloween!

NOV 24: Operatic Occult

Experience an eerily intimate encounter with some of our favorite ghouls and ghosts from the operatic underworld. Selections include excerpts from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Benjamin Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffman*, Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, and more.

Works explored, media used

W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791:

Don Giovanni, 1787

- Metropolitan Opera, 2011, conductor – Fabio Luisi. Don Giovanni - Mariusz Kwiecien, Commendatore - Štefan Kocán, Leporello - Luca Pisaroni

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cb1QmTkOAI>

Carl Maria von Weber, 1786-1826

Der Freischütz (The Marksman) 1821

- Hamberg State Opera, 1968. Ernst Kozub - Kaspar, Gottlob Frick – Killian, Hans Sotin – Samiel,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdUdnDpnqFQ>

Charles Gounod, 1818-1893

Faust, 1859

- "Le veau d'or", Ruggero Raimondi, Wiene Staatsoper

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLnyOamSaro>

Richard Wagner, 1813-1883**The Flying Dutchman, 1843**

- Turku Philhamonic, Orchestra Turku Opera Chorus. Juha Uusitalo - Dutchman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5q6ciMxvdE>

Jacques Offenbach, 1819-1880**Tales of Hoffman, 1881**

- Bavarian State Opera, Diana Damrau – Antonia, John Relyea, Okka von der Damerau
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZISBVYvNFq8>

Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976**The Turn of the Screw, 1954**

- Mahler Chamber Orchestra, conductor Daniel Harding . Marlin Miller – Peter Quint, Gregory Monk – Miles, Marie McLaughlin - Miss Jessel, Nazan Fikret – Flora
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJXRb9R09h0>

Gian Carlo Menotti, 1911-2007**The Medium, 1946**

- Mission Opera, Amelia Camacho – Monica, Matthew Ellison - Toby, Janet Hopkins - Baba
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMpiEv_fJK4

Giuseppe Verdi, 1813-1901**Macbeth, 1847**

- The Royal Opera
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFy_r1es0Fo&list=RDMFy_r1es0Fo&start_radio=1

Arrigo Boito, 1842-1918**Mefistofele, 1868**

- San Francisco Opera, Ildar Abdrazakov - Mefistofele, Ramón Vargas - Faust
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDVZG6LwSQw&list=RDkDVZG6LwSQw&start_radio=1