



Press Release

The Budapest Operetta and Musical Theatre to Perform Franz Lehár's Romantic Comedy "The Merry Widow" in February 2019!

Dubai, UAE, 27 May 2018 - The Merry Widow is one of the gems of Viennese operetta and next February, with soloists, chorus, ballet ensemble and orchestra of the Budapest Operetta and Musical Theatre, the Merry Widow will be performed at Dubai Opera from the 21st- 23rd February 2019, for three unmissable performances.

Between its creation in Vienna in 1905 until its arrival in Paris four years later, the work was performed triumphantly 20,000 times all over the world! Named the greatest success of Hungarian composer; Franz Lehár's career, this romantic comical operetta, reflects the splendour of Imperial Vienna with its whirlwind of sumptuous parties and décor, and stands out for the elegance and colour of an orchestration of symphonic scale. The public were immediately captivated by the melodic richness of the score, which offers many catchy tunes such as the famous "Vilja Song", the "Pavilion Duet" and "Lippen schweigen".

Conducted by László Makláry, the Director of the Budapest Operetta and Musical Theatre, the operetta is set in the vibrant, artistic city of Paris in the early 20th century, and tells the story of Hanna Glawari, a resplendently wealthy widow and ambassador, Baron Mirko Zeta. The story unfolds as he desperately attempts to find her a new husband in order to save her country from bankruptcy. The cast includes Mónika Fischl, a soprano as the female lead, and Attila Bardóczy, the male counterpart. The operetta combines humorous musical numbers, together with spoken dialogue.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented: "The Merry Widow is Franz Lehár's comic masterpiece, full of narrow misses, mishap, intrigue and a delightful score of classic waltzes for a perfect light-hearted night at the Opera".

Tickets for *The Merry Widow* will be on-sale and available to purchase from Sunday 27th May 2018 at 4pm from AED 350 at www.dubaiopera.com. An early bird offer of 20% off all seat categories will also be available until 24 June, with tickets starting at only AED 280.

The Production will be sung in German, with English and Arabic surtitles.

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