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*Great Performances at The Met: Medea*

Premieres on Friday, June 16 at 9 p.m. on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/))

***Great Performances at the Met*** raises the curtain on ***Medea*** with opera star **Sondra Radvanovsky** in the title role as the mythic sorceress who stops at nothing in her quest for vengeance. This production marks Radvanovsky’s fourth new production with director **David McVicar**, who also designed the sets for this staging. Based on Euripides’ famous play, ***Medea*** takes place in the ancient Greek city of Corinth, a locale once wealthy and sophisticated. Projections and a large mirror above the stage help illustrate how her choices reflect the collapse of her family, as the man she loves rejects her, and her children become her only outlet for revenge.

This Met Opera premiere of Cherubini’s rarely performed masterpiece features tenor **Matthew Polenzani** as Medea’s Argonaut husband, Giasone; soprano **Janai Brugger** as her rival for his love, Glauce; bass **Michele Pertusi** as her father, Creonte, the King of Corinth; and mezzo-soprano **Ekaterina Gubanova** as Medea’s confidante, Neris. Maestro **Carlo Rizzi** conducts, and opera star **Joyce DiDonato** hosts the broadcast.

**Cast:**

Sondra Radvanovsky – Medea

Matthew Polenzani – Giasone

Janai Brugger – Glauce

Michele Pertusi – Creonte

Ekaterina Gubanova – Neris

**Creative:**

Joyce DiDonato – Host

Carlo Rizzi – Conductor

David McVicar – Production & Set Designer

Doey Lüthi – Costume Designer

Paule Constable – Lighting Designer

S. Katy Tucker – Projection Designer

Jo Meredith – Movement Director

***Great Performances at the Met*** is produced by the Metropolitan Opera in association with PBS and The WNET Group, bringing the best of the Metropolitan Opera into the homes of opera fans across the country. For the Met: Mia Bongiovanni is Supervising Producer and Louisa Briccetti and Victoria Warivonchik are Producers. Peter Gelb is the Executive Producer. For ***Great Performances***: Bill O’Donnell is Series Producer; David Horn is Executive Producer.

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