

Amsterdams Marionetten Theater

The Magic Flute – with music by Mozart



Mozart

'The Magic Flute' is an **opera**. The music was written by **Mozart**.
And when was this? 250 years ago!

What is an opera?

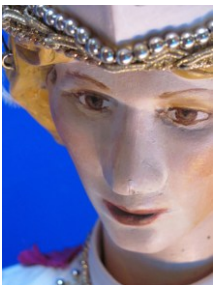
An opera is a play in which the actors sing instead of speak - almost as in a musical.

But the music in an opera is different: we call it '*classical music*'.

Long before the musical was invented there were opera's: they were invented 400 years ago.

But they are still very popular all over the world. You can usually see and hear them at the Opera House or the Concerthall, but this time: in the Amsterdam Marionette Theatre.

WHO IS WHO?



Prince Tamino



Princess Pamina



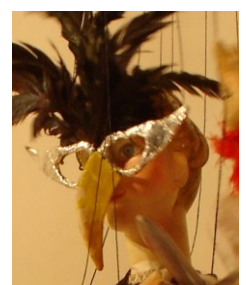
Queen of the Night



Sarastro



Papageno



Papagena

THE STORY OF THE OPERA...

Prince Tamino is attacked by a dragon. Just in time, he is rescued by three mysterious ladies. Papageno, a feathered birdcatcher, enters the stage and tells Tamino that these Three Ladies are the assistants of the Queen of the Night.

The Three Ladies beg Tamino to rescue the daughter of the Queen of the Night, Princess Pamina, who is being held by Sarastro. Tamino immediately falls in love with the picture of Pamina. He promises the Queen of the Night to find her daughter. Three small boys give Tamino a magic flute to help him to save Pamina. To Papageno, they give a set of magic bells to protect him on the journey.

Papageno is terrified when he meets Sarastro's assistant, Monostatos. But Monostatos is just as scared of Papageno and he runs away. Papageno tells Pamina about Tamino who has come to rescue her.

The three boys, on horseback, instruct Tamino how to be a brave young man. He tries to enter Sarastro's place and meets a priest, who tells him that Sarastro is not an evil man. Using the magic flute and bells Tamino and Papageno tame Sarastro's assistant Monostatos and his strange companions.

Tamino and Pamina finally meet..

INTERVAL

Sarastro and the Priests decide to accept Tamino as their future leader. But first he will have some difficult tasks to perform. And: he is not allowed to talk to anyone.

Papageno meets an old lady who says she is his future bride. He thinks this very funny and when he asks her name, she suddenly disappears.

Monostatos tries to kiss the sleeping Pamina. Her mother, The Queen of the Night, wakes her and warns her for the evil Sarastro. But when she leaves, Sarastro reassures Pamina and asks her to trust him.

Pamina hears the Magic Flute and sees Tamino. Why does he not talk to her? She is terribly upset.

Papageno plays the Magic Bells and the old lady appears again. She suddenly transforms to a pretty young girl, Papagena, and disappears again...

Pamina is still upset about Tamino, but the Three Boys tell her that he still loves her. Pamina and Tamino perform their difficult tasks: together, they cross water and fire.

Papageno is lost without his girlfriend Papagena. The Three Boys tell him to use his magic bells. Papageno and Papagena meet, and together they dream of many little Papagenos and Papagenas.

Monostatos helps the Queen to enter Sarastro's place. There is a terrible accident and the Queen dies.

Sarastro gives Tamino and Pamina his blessing. They will get married, and so will Papageno and Papagena!