

# Amsterdam Marionette Theatre

## *The Flying Dutchman*



*Senta*



*Captain Daland, Senta's father*

### **ABOUT 'The Flying Dutchman'**

'The Flying Dutchman' is a performance with marionettes. Large, wooden puppets, handled by five puppeteers with strings from above.

It's an exciting adventure about an ancient ghost ship. Full of magic, with lots of beautiful music.

The music you hear was written almost 200 years ago! This '*classical music*' is so famous that it is still widely played all over the world. Often in the famous Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, or the National Opera, with a very large orchestra. But this time: in the marionette theater, with only a few instruments. If you listen carefully you will hear these instruments: a piano, cello, clarinet, harmonium (that's a mini organ), drums, triangle, and all kinds of special sounds: the waves of the sea and the thunder of the storm.

# The story

## When the red curtain opens...

We see a girl, Senta, looking out over sea. She misses her father, captain Daland, who has been at sea for months. Senta's mother died when she was a young girl. But being near the sea, Senta doesn't feel lonely, because she loves the sea so much! She dreams of freedom and adventure.

Suddenly we hear thunder; a big storm!  
Captain Daland's ship dances on the waves. How dangerous! But then, the weather gets calmer, and the ship goes aground not far from his home.

In the distance the captain and his sailors see a dark, spooky ship with blood red sails. It is the ship of the Flying Dutchman! Once upon a time, very long ago he was cursed to wander the seas eternally. He longs to leave his ship and find a home. But he can only be saved if he finds true love...

Suddenly the Flying Dutchman appears on board of Daland's ship. Daland welcomes his colleague warmly. He has no idea who this stranger is. Daland points out his house in the distance, where his daughter Senta is waiting for him.

The Flying Dutchman shows the treasures he acquired during his travels. Captain Daland is eager to have all those diamonds and pearls for himself. He has a plan: maybe this rich man could marry Senta?

For the Flying Dutchman, the treasures are useless. He longs for a home, a safe haven.

The wind rises. Captains and sailors prepare to set sail. Senta is waiting for them!

## We hope you enjoy the performance

### The Flying Dutchman and his ship with blood red sails



**Video and pictures:**  
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