Sealing the peace of a kingdom was an act of love for Louis XIV. In marrying the Infanta Maria Teresa, daughter of the King of Spain, in June 1660, the young Louis XIV allowed his kingdom to enter a new era of peace and put an end to a long war between Spain and France. To allow the lovefilled Parnassus to ring out in joyful tones, the greatest festivities were held in honour of His Majesty, during Louis XIV's journey back to Paris.

No less than Du Mont, Lully, Cavalli amongst numerous other skillful composers worked on the wedding celebrations. Based on the accounts of these celebrations collected from Saint-Jean-de-Luz to Versailles, this programme recreates the musical works that

surrounded them: the king's trumpets open the concert, while the church galleries resonate with Dumont's symphony, organ and motets ; to finish the most beautiful extracts of Il Xerxe by Cavalli and the accompanying symphonies of Monsieur Lully give us a taste of the opera which celebrated the return of the bride and groom to their Castle.

THEROYAL WEDDING OF LOUIS XIV

ON TOUR

2023/2024

LULLY DUMONT CHARPENTIER CAVALLI HIDALGO

WITH

ana quintans victoire bunel david tricou cyril auvity victor sicard choir & orchestra of Le Poème Harmonique vincent dumestre direction



Recording (Château de Versailles Spectacles) CHOC de Classica https://youtu.be/7qxk1zMMboQ

Team : 53 people

5 soloists, 20 choristers, 23 instrumentalists, 1 conductor, 1 choir master, 1 technician, 1 production, 1 admin Harpsichord, organ and percussions to be supplied + tuning
Fee : 40 000 € excluding vat + accommodation (3-star single hotel room with breakfast) + return travel + technical rider

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