

# Tan Dun The First Emperor

Libretto by Ha Jin and Tan Dun

Based on *Historical Records* by Sima Qian (c.145–85 BCE)  
and the screenplay *The Legend of the Bloody Zheng* by Lu Wei

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*Yin-Yang Master* WU HSING-KUO  
*Shaman* MICHELLE DeYOUNG  
*Emperor Qin* PLÁCIDO DOMINGO  
*Chief Minister* HAIJING FU  
*General Wang* HAO JIANG TIAN  
*Princess Yueyang* ELIZABETH FUTRAL  
*Mother of Yueyang* SUSANNE MENTZER  
*Gao Jianli* PAUL GROVES  
*Principal dancer* DOU DOU HUANG  
*Zheng player* QI YAO

*Conductor* TAN DUN

Metropolitan Opera Orchestra,  
Chorus, and Ballet

*Chorus Master:* Raymond Hughes

'One big, wild wonderful wow.' *The Los Angeles Times*

'Rich, radiant and incomparably Domingo.'  
*The New York Post*

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*Production* ZHANG YIMOU  
*Set Designer* FAN YUE  
*Costume Designer* EMI WADA  
*Lighting Designer* DUANE SCHULER  
*Co-Director* WANG CHAOGE  
*Choreographer* DOU DOU HUANG  
*Host* ZHANG ZIYI  
*Special Guest Interviewer* BEVERLY SILLS

A Metropolitan Opera  
High-Definition Production

*Executive Producers:* Peter Gelb, Tan Dun

*Director:* Brian Large

*Music Producer:* Jay David Saks

*Supervising Producers:*

Mia Bongiovanni, Elena Park

*Producers:* Louisa Briccetti, Victoria Warivonchik



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**Bonus:** *The First Emperor: In Rehearsal at the Met. Backstage at the Met with Beverly Sills and Plácido Domingo*

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