

# JULES MASSENET

## THAÏS



Massenet composed *Thaïs* for a captivating soprano from California, Sibyl Sanderson. Eight decades later the glamorous, but fragile Alexandrian courtesan was brought to life by another charismatic American singer, Beverly Sills. No less compelling is Sherrill Milnes as Athanaël, the ascetic monk who falls under Thaïs's spell as he strives to save her soul. Nicolai Gedda charms as her hedonistic lover, Nicias, and not only does Lorin Maazel conduct Massenet's perfumed score with exemplary finesse, he also plays the violin solo in the celebrated "Méditation".

Thaïs .....	BEVERLY SILLS
Athanaël .....	SHERRILL MILNES
Nicias .....	NICOLAI GEDDA
Palémon .....	RICHARD VAN ALLAN
Crobyle .....	ANN-MARIE CONNORS
Myrtale .....	ANN MURRAY
La Charmeuse .....	NORMA BURROWES
Albine .....	PATRICIA KERN
Un serviteur .....	BRIAN ETHRIDGE

**New Philharmonia Orchestra**  
**LORIN MAAZEL**

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