Premiered at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden in June 1894, Jules Massenet's La Navarraise was an instant success. Inspired by the Italian verismo movement and Spanish folk music, the opera tells the story of Anita, a lowly-born girl from Navarre whose love for Araquil, a soldier, leads to "murder, misunderstanding and madness" (New York Times). Though the opera is now rarely seen, conductor and verismo specialist Alberto Veronesi brings it to life with the Opera Orchestra of New York.

Aleksandra Kurzak and Roberto Alagna star as Anita and Araquil.

JULES MASSENET 1842-1912

La Navarraise

Épisode lyrique in two acts

Anita	ALEKSANDRA KURZAK
Araquil	ROBERTO ALAGNA
Garrido	GEORGE ANDGULADZE
Remigio	BRIAN KONTES
Ramon	ISSACHAH SAVAGE
Bustamente	MICHAEL ANTHONY McGEE

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