

## SPRING 2009

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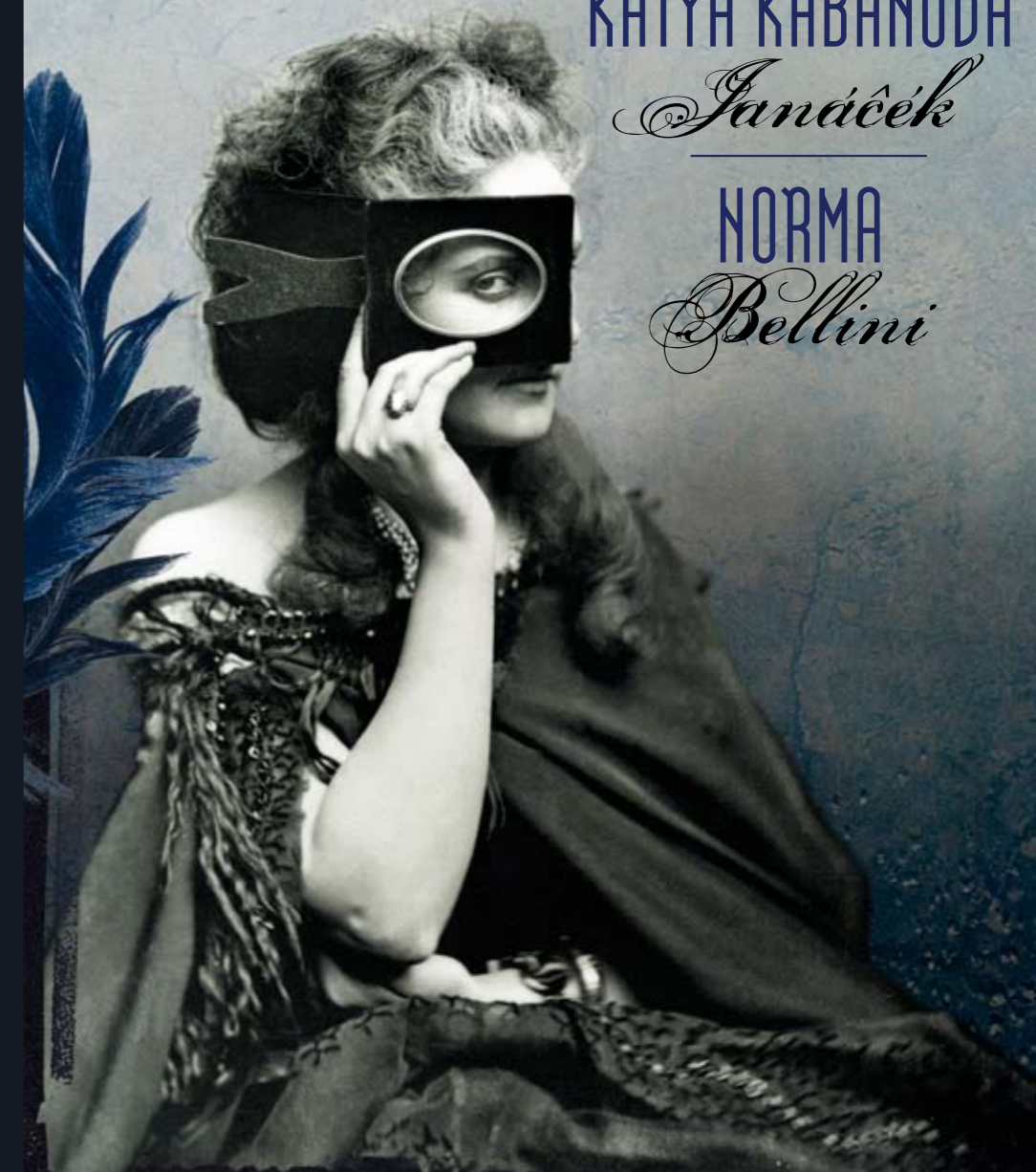
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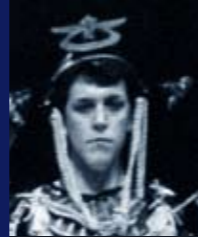
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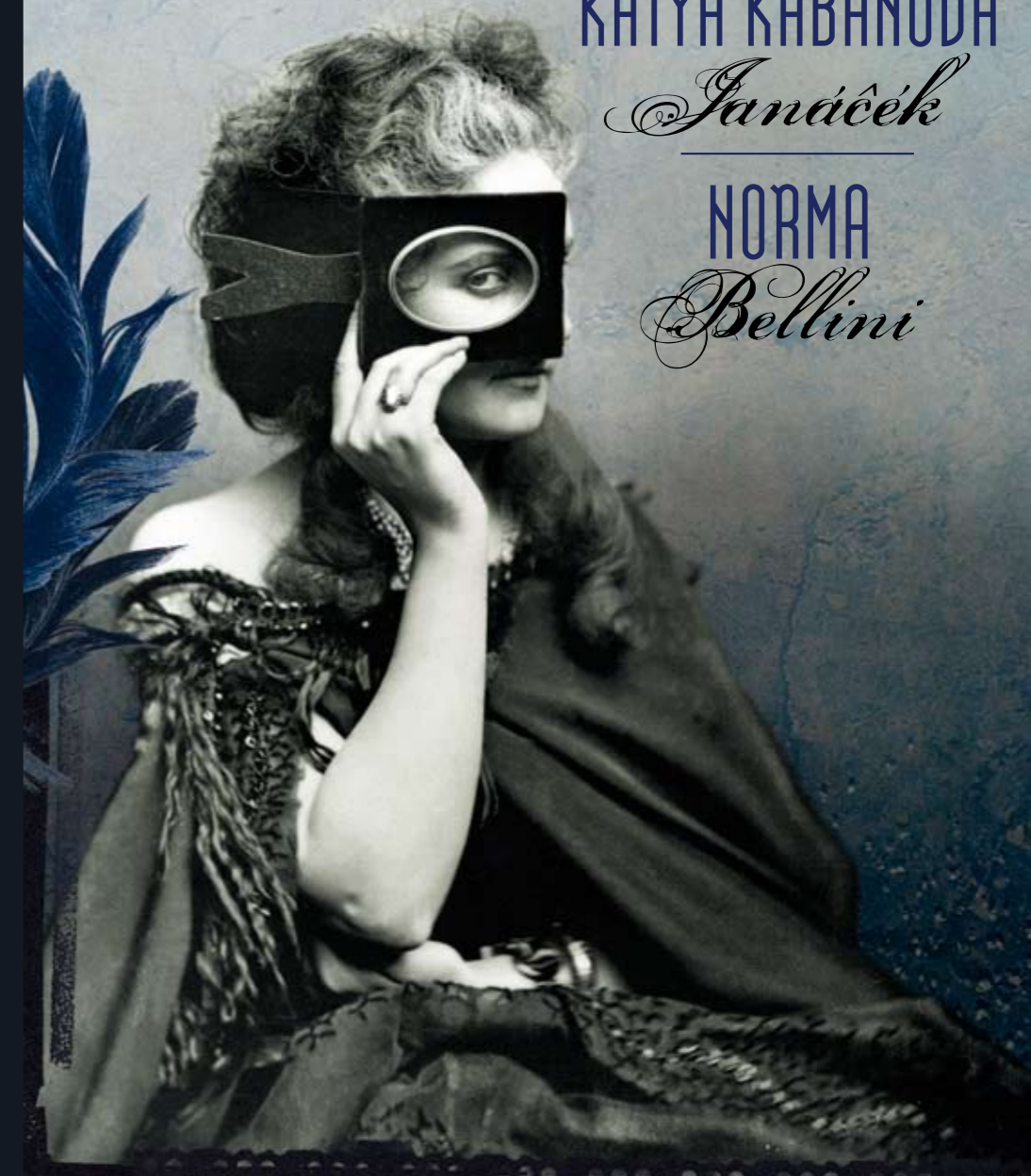
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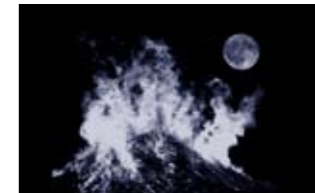
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## *Bellini*

### CONCERT

As part of the celebrations marking ETO's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the company presents a series of concert performances of the pinnacle of *bel canto*, Bellini's magnificent *Norma*. It is a story of strong emotions, in which a druid priestess is nearly driven to infanticide in order to avenge the infidelity of their father, a Roman general. Best known for the wonderful aria "Casta diva", the score also includes many other equally thrilling arias and duets as well as one of the most rousing choruses in 19<sup>th</sup> century opera.



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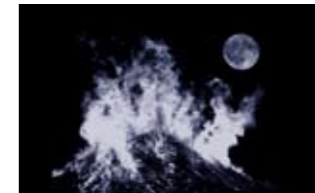
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