

VERDI

MACBETH

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CONDUCTOR
FABIO LUISI

PRODUCTION
ADRIAN NOBLE

**SET & COSTUME
DESIGNER**
MARK THOMPSON

LIGHTING DESIGNER
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CHOREOGRAPHER
SUE LEFTON

LADY MACBETH
ANNA NETREBKO

MACDUFF
JOSEPH CALLEJA

MACBETH
ŽELJKO LUČIĆ

BANQUO
RENÉ PAPE

ACT I Scotland. A group of witches tells Macbeth and Banquo, leaders of the army, that Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and King of Scotland and that Banquo will be the father of kings. When the first part of the prediction unexpectedly comes true moments later, the ambitious Lady Macbeth persuades her husband to murder King Duncan so he can himself ascend the throne.

ACT II Macbeth, now king, is worried about the prophecy that Banquo's children will rule. He has him killed, but Banquo's son Fleance escapes. At a banquet, Macbeth has a terrifying vision of the dead man accusing him. Everyone is shocked by his strange behavior.

INTERMISSION

ACT III The witches warn Macbeth to beware of Macduff, another nobleman, but assure him that "no man of woman born" can harm him, and that he will be invincible until Birnam Wood marches on his castle.

ACT IV His family killed by Macbeth, Macduff has escaped to England. There he joins Malcolm, Duncan's son, who is preparing to invade Scotland and take back the crown. Lady Macbeth, haunted by her deeds, goes mad and dies.

English soldiers march on Macbeth's castle, camouflaged with the branches of Birnam Wood. Macduff confronts Macbeth and tells him that he had a Caesarean birth. He kills Macbeth and proclaims Malcolm king of Scotland.

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