

# JULES MASSENET

(1842–1912)

## WERTHER

Drame lyrique en quatre actes

Lyric Drama in Four Acts • Lyrisches Drama in vier Akten

*(nach/d'après/after Goethe, Die Leiden des jungen Werthers  
Les Malheurs du jeune Werther/The Sorrows of Young Werther)*

Libretto/Livret: Édouard Blau, Paul Milliet & Georges Hartmann

First performed at the Imperial Opera, Vienna, February 16, 1892  
First French performance by the Opéra-Comique, Paris, January 16, 1893

### **Knabenchor Berlin**

Karl-Ludwig Hecht, *chorus master*

### **Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin**

**Vladimir Jurowski**, *conductor*

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## CAST

<b>Werther</b> .....	<b>Ramón Vargas</b>
<b>Charlotte</b> .....	<b>Vesselina Kasarova</b>
<b>Albert</b> .....	<b>Christopher Schaldenbrand</b>
<b>Sophie</b> .....	<b>Dawn Kotoski</b>
<b>Le Bailli</b> .....	<b>Umberto Chiummo</b>
<b>Schmidt</b> .....	<b>Christoph Genz</b>
<b>Johann</b> .....	<b>Roman Trekel</b>
<b>Käthchen</b> .....	<b>Arndis Halla</b>
<b>Brühlmann</b> .....	<b>Frank Baer</b>

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