

HUMPERDINCK

HANSEL AND GRETEL

SPECIAL HOLIDAY ENCORE PRESENTATION

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THE WITCH

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ACT I *A fairytale forest.* Hansel and Gretel are alone at home, playing and dancing. Their mother returns and demands to know why they have gotten so little work done. When she accidentally spills a jug of milk, she angrily chases the children out into the woods to pick strawberries. The children's father arrives, asking where the children have gone. When he hears they went into the woods, he is horrified and tells his wife about the witch who lives there. Both rush off to look for their children.

ACT II In the woods, the children hear a cuckoo singing and eat all the strawberries they have picked. As it gets dark, they grow frightened, and Hansel admits to Gretel that he has lost the way. The Sandman appears, sprinkling sand over their eyes. The children say their evening prayer and fall asleep.

INTERMISSION

ACT II Awakened by the Dew Fairy, the children find themselves in front of a gigantic gingerbread house. A witch appears and puts a spell on Hansel. Then she asks Gretel to look in the oven. The girl pretends she doesn't know how to do it, and when the witch shows Gretel, the children shove her into the oven, which explodes. The enchanted gingerbread children come back to life, and Hansel and Gretel are reunited with their parents.

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