Palais Garnier, or Opéra

Garnier





History

The Grand Opera is one of 15 opera-houses in Paris, which was built from 1861 to 1875 for the Paris Opera. It is also known as Opera Garnier in recognition of its architect Charles Garnier. It has 1979 seats. It was inaugurated on January 5 in 1875.



Auditorium

The auditorium has a traditional Italian horseshoe shape and can seat 1,979. The stage is the largest in Europe and can accommodate as many as 450 artists. The canvas house curtain was painted to represent a draped curtain, complete with tassels and braid.





Interior

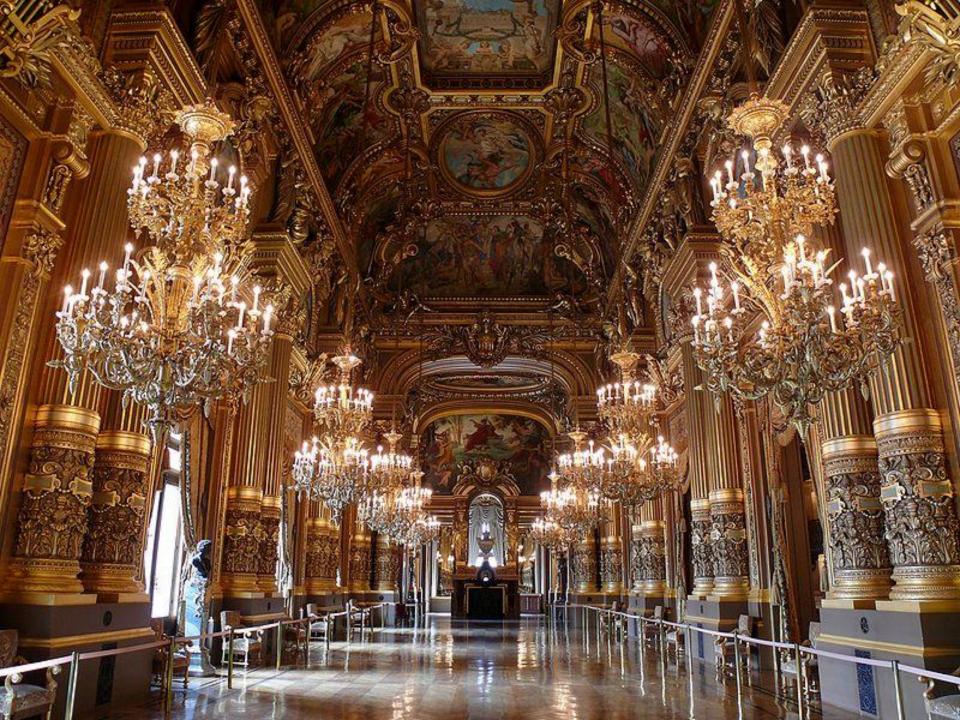
The interior consists of interweaving corridors, stairwells, alcoves and landings allowing the movement of large numbers of people and space for socializing during intermission. Rich with velvet, gold leaf, and cherubim and nymphs, the interior is characteristic of Baroque sumptuousness.

Grand Foyer

This hall 18 meters high, 154 meters long and 13 meters wide was designed to act as a drawing room for Paris society. Its ceiling was painted by Paul-Jacques-Aimé Baudry and represents various moments in the history of music. The foyer opens into an outside loggia.







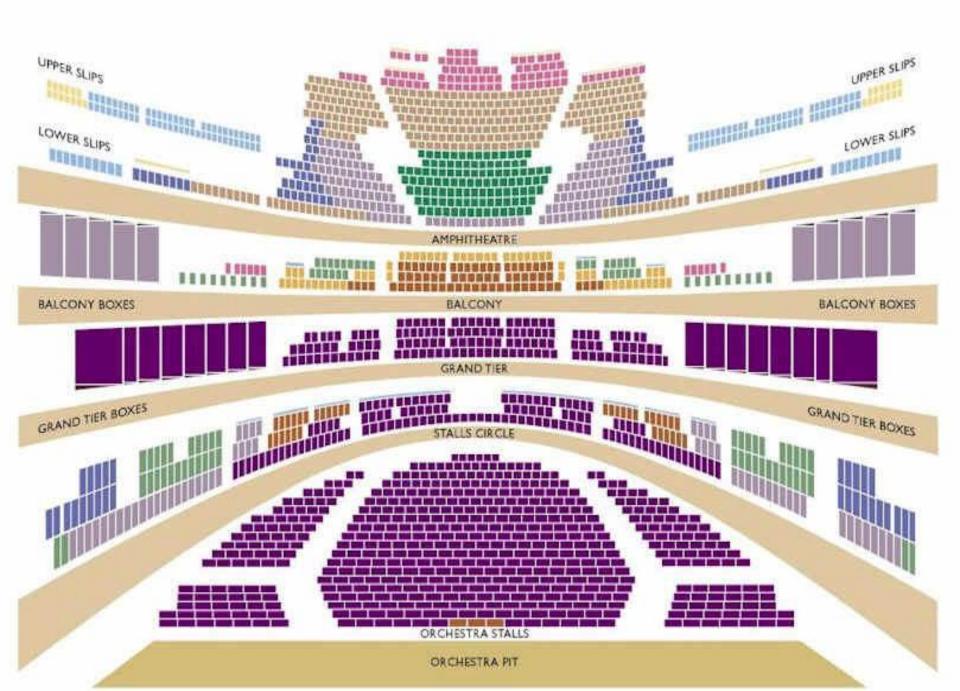


The ceiling area, which surrounds the chandelier, was originally painted by Jules Eugène Lenepveu. In 1964 a new ceiling painted by Marc Chagall was installed on a removable frame over the original. It depicts scenes from operas by 14 composers – Mussorgsky, Mozart, Wagner, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsy, Beethoven and others.



The 7-ton bronze and crystal chandelier was designed by Garnier. The total cost came to 30,000 gold francs.







It has its own chorus, ballet, orchestra and artists themselves(choreographers, chorus masters, lighting designers, stage hands, musical directors, stage-managers, composers, etc.).





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Programme

"ONEGUINE"

"JEPHTHA"

"RECITAL SOPHIE KOCH"

"ONLY THE SOUND REMAINS

"LA CLEMENCE DE TITUS"



