

MUSSORGSKY

BORIS GODUNOV

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Opera **HD**
LIVE

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GRIGORY

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SHUISKY

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BORIS

René Pape

PIMEN

Ain Anger

VARLAAM

Ryan Speedo Green

The Streltsy police force a crowd to beg Boris to become tsar. A procession of pilgrims prays to God for help. The Streltsy warn the crowd to be at the Kremlin the next morning.

The bells of Moscow herald the coronation of Boris. The new tsar implores God to look kindly on him.

Pimen is writing the last chapter of his history of Russia. Grigory questions him about the dead Tsarevich Dimitry, rightful heir to Boris's throne. Pimen recounts the events of Dimitry's murder and mentions that the tsarevich would have been Grigory's age. Grigory decides to flee.

On a mission to expose Boris and proclaim himself the Tsarevich Dimitry, Grigory arrives at an inn on the Lithuanian border. A police officer enters with a warrant for Grigory's arrest, but he escapes, pursued by the Streltsy.

Boris comforts his daughter and talks with his son about inheriting the throne, then reflects on his inconsolable sadness. Shuiskey brings news of a pretender to the Russian throne but reassures Boris that the real tsarevich was in fact killed. Boris gives way to his terror, imagining that he sees Dimitry's ghost, and prays for forgiveness.

Starving peasants gather outside the Cathedral of St. Basil. Boris and his retinue come from the cathedral, and the Holy Fool asks him to kill the children the way he killed Dimitry. Shuiskey orders the Holy Fool seized, but Boris instead asks his accuser to pray for him. The Holy Fool refuses to intercede for a murderer and laments Russia's dark future.

The council of boyars passes a death sentence on the pretender. Boris storms in, disoriented and crying out to the dead child. Shuiskey brings Pimen before the Duma. Boris collapses. He names his son as his heir, bids farewell to his children, and dies.

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