

RICHARD BONYNGE

CONDUCTOR

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FGO soars in La Sonnambula

“But the resounding success of Saturday's performance was due to several other factors as well: an exceptionally strong supporting cast, an imaginative production conceived by Scotto, and the loving musical expertise of conductor Richard Bonyngé. Though it took a while to get off the ground, FGO's *Sonnambula* soared to surprising heights, the result of a true ensemble effort.”

“**More than any single factor, the evening's success was due in no small part to having the estimable Richard Bonyngé in the pit.** A long and experienced veteran in bel canto repertoire from his celebrated partnership with his wife, Dame Joan Sutherland, Bonyngé's natural command brought out all the elegance, lyric beauty and vivacity of Bellini's score masterfully. The conductor also drew consistently refined and idiomatic playing from the Florida Classical Orchestra, whose strings in particular sound better with every outing.”

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