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["The Magic Flute" Coming Up On The Big Screen](#)

In an adaptation by actor and director Kenneth Branagh

After adapting many Shakespeare masterpieces (*As You Like it*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Hamlet*), **Kenneth Branagh** seems to have turned his eye upon opera, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, to be more specific. He intends to bring the adventures of Prince Tamino and Papageno to the big screen, and he made sure his acting team knows what they're doing. Many of the actors he recruited for the leading roles come from the opera world: Jopseph Kaiser (as *Prince Tamino*), Ben Davis (*Papageno*), Amy Carson (*Princess Pamina*), Rene Pape (priest *Sarastro*) and Lyubov Petrova (*Queen Elizabeth of the Night*). The \$20 million budget adaptation's production is set to start in fall 2005, when the soundtrack will be recorded, and continue in January 2006 with the film shooting. **Kenneth Branagh:**

Filmography Warm Springs (2005) (TV) Five Children and It (2004) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002) Shackleton (2002) (TV) Alien Love Triangle (2002) Conspiracy (2001) (TV) Schneider's 2nd Stage (2001) Big Al Uncovered (2000) (TV) How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog (2000) The Road to El Dorado (2000) (voice) Love's Labour's Lost (2000) Wild Wild West (1999) The Periwig-Maker (1999) (voice) The Dance of Shiva (1998) The Theory of Flight (1998) Celebrity (1998) The Proposition (1998) The Gingerbread Man (1998) Hamlet (1996) Othello (1995) Shadow of a Gunman (1995) (TV) Frankenstein (1994) Much Ado About Nothing (1993) Swing Kids (1993) (uncredited) Peter's Friends (1992) Dead Again (1991) Henry V (1989) Look Back in Anger (1989) (TV) "Thompson" (1988) TV Series Strange Interlude (1988) (TV) "Fortunes of War" (1987) (mini) TV Series High Season (1987) A Month in the Country (1987) The Lady's Not for Burning (1987) (TV) Ghosts (1986) (TV) Coming Through (1985) A Coming to Terms for Billy (1984) (TV) "Boy in the Bush" (1984) (mini) TV Series To the Lighthouse (1983) (TV) A Matter of Choice for Billy (1983) (TV) Easter 2016 (1982) (TV) Too Late to Talk to Billy (1982) (TV) "Maybury" (1981) (mini) TV Series