

Valkyrie Sky Ride



Musicologists now concede that Richard Wagner got his idea for the beginning of Act 3 of *Die Walküre* from the Dresden Amusement Park's "Valkyrie Sky Ride," which whirled its shrieking passengers high above the park grounds "like an out of control trip to Valhalla and back," as Wagner himself once described it. Look closely and you'll see him waving from the back of the car while enigmatically dressed as Mrs. A.E. Dinklaker.