



ROYAL OPERA

24 JUNE 2015

CAST AMENDMENT

GUILLAUME TELL (Gioachino Rossini)

Due to illness, Spanish tenor **Mikeldi Atxalandabaso** has withdrawn from singing the role of Ruodi. The role will now be shared between Italian tenor **Enea Scala** (29 June; 2 and 5 July) and Korean tenor and former Jette Parker Young Artist **Ji Hyun Kim** (8, 10, 14 and 17 July).

Enea Scala makes his Royal Opera debut singing the role of Ruodi. He has previously sung this role for Bavarian State Opera and Munich Opera Festival, and he will sing the role for Geneva Opera in September 2015. His other recent engagements include Don Ottavio (*Don Giovanni*) for São Paulo Opera, Nemorino (*L'elisir d'amore*) in Brescia, Cremona, Como and Pavia, and Belfiore (*La finta giardiniera*) for Glyndebourne on Tour.

Ji Hyun Kim was a member of the Jette Parker Young Artists programme 2010–12. His roles for The Royal Opera during this time included First Prisoner (*Fidelio*), Gastone de Letorières (*La traviata*), Helenus (*Les Troyens*) and Roderigo (*Otello*). His recent engagements elsewhere include Bastien (*Bastien und Bastienne*) at Sejong Arts Centre in Seoul, and Major Domo (*Der Rosenkavalier*) for Marseilles Opera.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Canadian baritone **Gerald Finley** as Guillaume Tell, American tenor **John Osborn** as Arnold Melcthal, Swedish soprano **Malin Byström** as Mathilde, Russian bass **Alexander Vinogradov** as Walter Furst, Russian soprano **Sofia Fomina** as Jemmy, Albanian mezzo-soprano **Enkelejda Shkosa** as Hedwige, French bass **Nicolas Courjal** as Gesler, American bass **Eric Halfvarson** as Melcthal, Irish-Canadian tenor **Michael Colvin** as Rodolphe, Australian baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Samuel Dale Johnson** as Leuthold and Music Director of The Royal Opera **Antonio Pappano** conducting.

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