



# ROYAL OPERA

31 MARCH 2015

## CAST AMENDMENT

### ***MADAMA BUTTERFLY*** (Giacomo Puccini)

**6 and 11 April**

Due to health reasons, Greek soprano **Alexia Voulgaridou** has withdrawn from singing the role of Cio-Cio-San on Monday 6 April and Saturday 11 April. The role will now be sung by Puerto Rican soprano **Ana María Martínez**. In addition to this, due to unforeseen circumstances, American tenor **Noah Stewart** has had to withdraw from singing the role of Lieutenant B.F. Pinkerton. American tenor **Brian Jagde** will now sing the role on 6 and 11 April. He will also sing the role of Lieutenant B.F. Pinkerton for The Royal Opera on 31 March, 4 April and 9 April.

**Ana María Martínez** made her Royal Opera debut as Donna Elvira (*Don Giovanni*) in 2002 and has since returned to sing the roles of Violetta Valéry (*La traviata*) and Alice Ford (*Falstaff*). She makes her Royal Opera role debut as Cio-Cio-San with the Company, having previously sung the role in Washington, Houston, Vienna and Munich. Other recent engagements include Mimì (*La bohème*) for Paris Opéra and Dallas Opera, Donna Elvira (*Don Giovanni*), Desdemona (*Otello*) and the title role of *Rusalka* for Lyric Opera of Chicago and Carmen for Santa Fe Opera and Houston Grand Opera.

**Brian Jagde** made his Royal Opera debut singing Lieutenant B.F. Pinkerton in previous performances of this revival. He has previously sung this role for San Francisco Opera, while part of their Adler Fellowship Program. His recent appearances include Don José (*Carmen*) in Portland, Oregon, Count Elemer (*Arabella*) for the Metropolitan Opera, New York, and Cavaradossi (*Tosca*) for San Francisco Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Italian baritone **Gabriele Viviani** singing the role of Sharpless, Italian tenor **Carlo Bosi** as Goro, Albanian mezzo-soprano

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**Enkelejda Shkosa** as Suzuki, British bass **Jeremy White** as Bonze, Ukrainian bass-baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Yuriy Yurchuk** as Prince Yamadori, Armenian soprano and Jette Parker Young Artist **Anush Hovhannisyan** as Kate Pinkerton, Australian baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Samuel Dale Johnson** as Imperial Commissioner and Italian conductor **Nicola Luisotti**.

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