



ROYAL
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10 DECEMBER 2014

CAST AMENDMENT

UN BALLO IN MASCHERA (Giuseppe Verdi)

18, 22, 30 December at 7.30pm, 2, 6, 9 (Schools' Matinee), 13 January at 7.30pm, 17 January at 7pm

Due to ill health, British soprano **Rosemary Joshua** has withdrawn from singing the role of Oscar. The role of Oscar will now be shared between Italian soprano **Serena Gamberoni** (18, 22, 30 December; 2, 6 and 9 January) and Australian soprano and Jette Parker Young Artist **Lauren Fagan** (13 and 17 January).

Serena Gamberoni has previously sung the role of Oscar in Verona, for La Scala, Milan, and in Parma. Her recent roles have also included Musetta (*La bohème*) and Nannetta (*Falstaff*) in Verona, and she has also sung Adina (*L'elisir d'amore*) in Verona and Ancona, Micaëla (*Carmen*) in Genoa and Trieste and Lauretta (*Gianni Schicchi*) in Turin.

Lauren Fagan joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the start of the 2014/15 Season. In her first Season she has sung Giulia (*La scala di seta* in the Linbury Studio Theatre for Meet the Young Artists Week) and Giannetta (*L'elisir d'amore*) and will sing Girl (*Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*) and Papagena (*Die Zauberflöte*) for The Royal Opera.

British bass and Jette Parker Young Artist **James Platt** has withdrawn from the role of Tom. Korean bass and Company Principal **Jihoon Kim** will now sing all performances, having been previously scheduled to sing the role in performances in January 2015. Jihoon Kim's other appearances with The Royal Opera this Season include Count Ceprano (*Rigoletto*) and Marquis D'Obigny (*La traviata*).

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The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Maltese tenor **Joseph Calleja** singing the role of Riccardo, Ukrainian soprano **Liudmyla Monastyrskya** as Amelia, Russian baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** as Renato, and American mezzo-soprano **Marianne Cornetti** as Ulrica, conducted by Daniel Oren.

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