



ROYAL OPERA

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CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

CAPRICCIO IN CONCERT

19 & 21 July 2013

British mezzo-soprano **Christine Rice** has had to withdraw from the role of Clairon in The Royal Opera's concert performances of *Capriccio* on the advice of her doctor.

The role of Clairon will now be sung by Swiss mezzo-soprano **Tanja Ariane Baumgartner**, who makes her Royal Opera debut. Her recent roles have included Princess Eboli (*Don Carlo*), Fricka (*Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*), Princess of Bouillon (*Adriana Lecouvreur*) and Giulietta (*Les Contes d'Hoffmann*) in Frankfurt, where she has been a member of the Ensemble of Frankfurt Opera since 2009. Her other roles have included Charlotte (*Die Soldaten*) and Countess Geschwitz (*Lulu*) for the Salzburg Festival, the title role in *Carmen* in Basel and Nurse (*Die Frau ohne Schatten*) for De Vlaamse Opera.

The rest of the cast remains the same, with **Renée Fleming** as Countess Madeleine, **Joseph Kaiser** as Flamand, **Christian Gerhaher** as Olivier, **Peter Rose** as La Roche, **Bo Skovhus** as The Count, **Graham Clark** as Monsieur Taupe, **Mary Plazas** and **Barry Banks** as Two Italian Singers, **John Cunningham** as the Major-Domo and **Pablo Bensch**, **David Butt Philip**, **Michel de Souza**, **Jihoon Kim**, **Ashley Riches** and **Charbel Mattar** as Servants. **Andrew Davis** conducts.

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