



ROYAL OPERA

11 JULY 2013

CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

CAPRICCIO IN CONCERT

19 and 21 July 2013

Canadian tenor **Joseph Kaiser** is unwell and has had to withdraw from the role of Flamand in The Royal Opera's concert performances of *Capriccio*.

The role of Flamand will now be sung by British tenor **Andrew Staples**. His roles for The Royal Opera have included Tamino (*Die Zauberflöte*, 2013 revival), Artabanes (*Artaxerxes*), Narraboth (*Salome*) and First Man in Armour (*Die Zauberflöte*, 2008 revival). Other recent roles include Ferrando (*Così fan tutte*) for Opera Holland Park, Lysander (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) for Garsington Opera and Belfiore (*La finta giardiniera*) for La Monnaie, Brussels.

The rest of the cast remains the same, with **Renée Fleming** as Countess Madeleine, **Tanja Ariane Baumgartner** as Clairon, **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 the Italian Singers, **John Cunningham** as the Major-Domo and **Pablo Bensch**, **David Butt Philip**, **Michel de Souza**, **Jihoon Kim**, **Ashley Riches**, **Jeremy Budd**, **Simon Gfeller** and **Charbel Mattar** as Servants. **Andrew Davis** conducts.

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