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24 OCTOBER 2013

CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

LES VÊPRES SICILIENNES

24 October 2013 at 6pm

Due to illness, tonight the role of Hélène will be sung by Italian soprano **Rachele Stanisci** from the side of the stage and acted by Armenian soprano **Lianna Haroutounian**.

Rachele Stanisci has previously sung the role of Hélène (*Les Vêpres siciliennes*) at the Teatro di San Carlo in Naples. Her more recent appearances have included Elisabeth de Valois (*Don Carlos*) for Hamburg State Opera, Liù (*Turandot*) in Palermo and Livorno, Nedda (*Pagliacci*) in Cremona and Brescia, the title role in *Francesca da Rimini* (Paris Opéra), Leonora in *Il trovatore* (Las Palmas, Trieste, Lisbon), Beatrice in *Beatrice di Tenda* (Catania), Puccini's Manon Lescaut (Athens), Lady Macbeth (*Macbeth*) in Cagliari, Verdi concerts (Liceu, Barcelona) and Odabella in *Attila* (Verona). Plans include Maddalena in *Andrea Chénier* (Pisa) and Nedda (Tokyo).

The rest of the cast remains unchanged with American tenor **Bryan Hymel** as Henri, German baritone **Michael Volle** as Guy de Montfort, Uruguayan bass **Erwin Schrott** as Jean Procida, **Jean Teitgen** as Le Sire de Béthune, Company Principal British bass **Jeremy White** as Le Comte de Vaudemont, British tenor **Neal Cooper** as Thibault, Jette Parker Principal and South Korean bass **Jihoon Kim** as Robert, British mezzo-soprano **Michelle Daly** as Ninetta, Maltese tenor **Nicolas Darmanin** as Daniéli and South Korean tenor **Jung Soo Yun** as Mainfroid. Music Director of The Royal Opera **Antonio Pappano** conducts all performances.

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