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CHANGE OF CONDUCTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

2, 5, 7, 15, May at 7pm: 10 May at 12 noon

John Eliot Gardiner has withdrawn from conducting all these performances of *Le nozze di Figaro* due to scheduling difficulties. **David Syrus**, Head of Music for The Royal Opera, will now conduct all performances.

David Syrus conducted David McVicar's production of *Le nozze di Figaro* for The Royal Opera in 2010, 2008 and 2006. He has also conducted *Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *La clemenza di Tito*, *Der fliegende Holländer*, *Salome*, *Elektra*, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, *La traviata*, *Falstaff*, *Bartered Bride*, *Jenůfa*, *Kát'a Kabanová*, *Turn of the Screw*, *Midsummer Marriage*, *Carmen*, *Don Pasquale* and *Fidelio* for the Company. Elsewhere he has conducted *Die Walküre*, *Pêcheurs de perles*, *Eine florentinische Tragödie* (Spoleto Festival, 2003) and the British premiere of Henze's *Pollicino*. Recent engagements away from The Royal Opera include *Billy Budd* (Santiago), *La clemenza di Tito* and *Albert Herring* (Toulouse), *Owen Wingrave* (Opéra national du Rhin), *Carmen* and *La Cenerentola* (Tokyo) and *Die Zauberflöte*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *La bohème* and *Carmen* (Crested Butte Music Festival, Colorado).

The rest of the cast remains unchanged with **Alex Esposito** as Figaro, **Camilla Tilling** as Susanna, **Gerald Finley** as Count Almaviva, **Rebecca Evans** as Countess Almaviva, **Anna Bonitatibus** as Cherubino, **Christophoros Stamboglis** as Bartolo, **Marie McLaughlin** as Marcellina, **Guy de Mey** as Don Basilio, **Timothy Robinson** as Don Curzio, **Jeremy White** as Antonio and **Duška Bijelić** as Barbarina.

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