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## CAST AMENDMENT

### ***FAUST*** (Charles-François Gounod)

4, 7, 11, 14, 17, 22, 25, April 2014

**Co-production with Opéra de Monte Carlo, Opéra de Lille and  
Fondazione Teatro Lirico Giuseppe Verdi, Trieste.**

The Royal Opera regrettably announces that Russian soprano **Anna Netrebko** has withdrawn from the role of Marguerite in *Faust* with The Royal Opera in April 2014, which was to be her debut in the role.

In a statement issued by her spokesperson, Anna Netrebko said:

'I am so sorry to have to withdraw from the role of Marguerite in *Faust*. After much consideration and intensive preparation, I have come to the conclusion that the role is not right for me. I had been very much looking forward to debuting this role at the Royal Opera House and following it with further performances in Vienna and Baden-Baden. Unfortunately, I must now withdraw from all these productions. I am very sad to be disappointing my fans in these cities and hope they will understand the difficult decision that I have had to make. However, I am very much looking forward to returning to The Royal Opera to perform with the company again in 2015.'

Replacement casting for the role of Marguerite will be announced in due course.

The rest of the cast for these performances remains unchanged, with Maltese tenor **Joseph Calleja** in the title role, Welsh bass-baritone **Bryn Terfel** as Méphistophélès, British baritone **Simon Keenlyside** as Valentin, Croatian mezzo-soprano **Renata**

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**Pokupić** as Siébel, British mezzo-soprano **Diana Montague** as Marthe Schwertlein and Jette Parker Principal Korean bass **Jihoon Kim**. Italian conductor **Maurizio Benini** conducts all performances.

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