



ROYAL OPERA

11 NOVEMBER 2013

CAST AMENDMENT

MARIA STUARDA (Gaetano Donizetti)

5 July at 7pm, 8, 11, 14, 16, 18 July at 7.30 pm

NEW PRODUCTION

American tenor Charles Castronovo has withdrawn from the role of Roberto, Earl of Leicester, in *Maria Stuarda*. The role will now be sung by Spanish tenor **Ismael Jordi**, who makes his debut with The Royal Opera in the role of Roberto.

Jordi's previous roles have included Edgardo (*Lucia di Lammermoor*) in Amsterdam, Zürich and Dresden, Riccardo Percy (*Anna Bolena*) in Frankfurt, Pylade (*Iphigénie en Tauride*) in Valencia, Wilhelm Meister (*Mignon*) in Paris, Carlo (*Linda di Chamounix*) and Hoffmann (*Les Contes d'Hoffmann*) in Barcelona, Duke of Mantua (*Rigoletto*) in Bilbao, Seville, Verona and Hamburg, Lensky (*Eugene Onegin*) in Bilbao and Alfredo (*La traviata*) in Amsterdam.

The rest of the cast remains the same, with American mezzo-soprano **Joyce DiDonato** singing the title role of Maria, Italian soprano **Carmen Giannattasio** singing the role of Elisabetta, British baritone **Jeremy Carpenter** singing Lord Cecil, Scottish mezzo-soprano **Kathleen Wilkinson** as Anna Kennedy and British bass **Matthew Rose** as Giorgio Talbot. **Bertrand de Billy** conducts all performances.

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