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CAST AMENDMENT

RISE AND FALL OF THE CITY OF MAHAGONNY

(Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht)

Tuesday 24 March 2015

Due to illness, Swedish mezzo-soprano **Anne Sofie Von Otter** has withdrawn from singing the role of Leocadia Begbick on Tuesday 24 March. The role will now be sung by Irish mezzo-soprano **Anne Marie Gibbons**, who makes her Royal Opera debut.

Anne Marie Gibbons was a Company Principal at English National Opera 2004–7, where roles included **Dorabella** (*Così fan tutte*), **Flora** (*La traviata*), **Ino** (*Semele*), **Nero** (*Agrippina*) and **Annio** (*La clemenza di Tito*). She has sung under conductors including Edward Gardner, Mark Wigglesworth, David Parry, Daniel Reuss, Jonathan Darlington, Laurence Cummings and Johannes Debus.

Recent and future engagements include **Page** (*Salome*) for State Opera of South Australia, Leocadia **Begbick** (*The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*) for Opera Theatre Company Ireland and Handel's *Messiah* with the Irish Baroque Orchestra.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged with American/Austrian tenor **Kurt Streit** singing Jimmy McIntyre, British mezzo-soprano **Christine Rice** as Jenny, Jamaican bass **Willard W. White** as Trinity Moses, British tenor **Peter Hoare** as Fatty and British conductor **Mark Wigglesworth** conducting.

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