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CAST UPDATE

LA TRAVIATA (Giuseppe Verdi)

Wednesday 3 June 2015

Due to serious family and personal reasons, **Plácido Domingo** has withdrawn from singing the role of Giorgio Germont on Wednesday 3 June. The role will now be sung by Italian baritone **Franco Vassallo**.

Franco Vassallo has previously sung the role of Giorgio Germont for Bavarian State Opera, Hamburg State Opera, Arena di Verona, Berlin State Opera and Vienna State Opera, and in performances for The Royal Opera on 18, 22, 25 and 28 May 2015. He made his Royal Opera debut in 2008 as Marcello (*La bohème*). His recent appearances include Rigoletto in Geneva and Munich, Count di Luna (*Il trovatore*) and Macbeth for La Scala, Milan, and Guido di Monforte (*I vespri siciliani*) for Teatro Real, Madrid.

The rest of the cast for this performance remains unchanged, with Bulgarian soprano **Sonya Yoncheva** singing the role of Violetta Valéry; Spanish tenor **Ismael Jordi** as Alfredo; Jette Parker Young Artist and Australian baritone **Samuel Dale Johnson** as Baron Douphol; Jette Parker Young Artist and British bass **James Platt** as Doctor Grenvil; Norwegian mezzo-soprano **Angelica Voje** as Flora Bervoix; Korean bass **Jihoon Kim** as Marquis D'Obigny; Jette Parker Young Artist and Australian tenor **Samuel Sakker** as Gastone de Letorières; British mezzo-soprano **Pamela Helen Stephen** as Annina; and French conductor **Marc Minkowski**.

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