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22 SEPTEMBER 2015

CAST AMENDMENT

ARIADNE AUF NAXOS (Richard Strauss)

10, 13, 16 October at 7.30pm

Due to personal reasons, Welsh tenor **Wynne Evans** has withdrawn from singing the role of Scaramuccio in *Ariadne auf Naxos*. The role will now be sung by Korean tenor and former Jette Parker Young Artist **Ji-Min Park**.

Ji-Min Park joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme in September 2007, and subsequently became a Jette Parker Principal Artist during the 2009–10 Season. He previously performed the role of Scaramuccio for The Royal Opera in 2008. His other roles for the Company include: Rodolfo (*La bohème*), Gastone and Alfredo (*La traviata*), Des Grieux (*Manon*), Rinuccio (*Gianni Schicchi*), Ballad Seller (*Il tabarro*) and Iopas (*Les Troyens*).

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Finnish soprano **Karita Mattila** as The Prima Donna/Ariadne, American-Swiss tenor **Robert Dean Smith** as The Tenor/Bacchus, Canadian soprano **Jane Archibald** as Zerbinetta, Romanian mezzo-soprano **Ruxandra Donose** as The Composer, Belarusian baritone **Nikolay Borchev** as Harlequin, British baritone **Thomas Allen** as Music Master, Austrian tenor **Norbert Ernst** as Dancing Master, Austrian tenor **Paul Schweinester** as Brighella, British bass **Jeremy White** as Truffaldino, Russian soprano **Sofia Fomina** as Naiad, Scottish mezzo-soprano **Karen Cargill** as Dryad, Australian soprano and former Jette Parker Young Artist **Kiandra Howarth** as Echo, Australian baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Samuel Dale Johnson** as Wig Maker, British bass **Simon Wilding** as Lackey, British tenor **Nicholas Ransley** as Officer and German actor **Christoph Quest** as Major Domo. All performances are conducted by German conductor **Lothar Koenigs**.

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