

8 DECEMBER 2015

## CAST AMENDMENT

### ***IL TROVATORE*** (Giuseppe Verdi)

**2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 July at 7.15pm; 17 July at 6.30pm**

Italian soprano **Carmen Giannattasio** has withdrawn from singing the role of Leonora in *Il trovatore* on 4, 7, 9, 12 and 15 July. The role will now be sung by Italian soprano **Anna Pirozzi**, who will make her Royal Opera debut in this new production by German director **David Bösch**. She will share the role with Armenian soprano **Lianna Haroutounian** (2, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 17 July) as previously announced.

**Anna Pirozzi** was born in Naples and studied at the Istituto Musicale in Valle d'Aosta and at the Turin Conservatory with Silvana Moyso. She has won widespread acclaim for her performances as Abigaille (*Nabucco*), the role in which she made her Salzburg Festival debut in 2013 conducted by Riccardo Muti and which she has sung in Florence, Bologna, Parma, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Tel Aviv, Beijing, Valencia, and for Arena di Verona.

Her other engagements include Amelia (*Un ballo in maschera*) for Teatro Regio, Turi, and in Parma, Lady Macbeth (*Macbeth*) in São Paulo and Bologna, Leonora (*Il trovatore*) in Bologna, Santuzza (*Cavalleria rusticana*) for Rome Opera and Teatro di San Carlo, Naples, Elvira (*Ernani*) in Rome, Tosca for Deutsche Oper Berlin and in Leipzig and Turin, Luisa Miller in Genoa, Leonora and Maddalena (*Andrea Chénier*) for Teatro di San Carlo, Santuzza and Nedda (*Pagliacci*) in Macerata, Aida in Turin, and Elisabetta (*Roberto Devereux*) at the ABAO Bilbao.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Italian tenor **Francesco Meli** and American tenor **Gregory Kunde** sharing the role of Manrico, Serbian baritone **Željko Lučić** and British baritone **Christopher Maltman** sharing the role of Count di Luna, Russian mezzo-sopranos **Ekaterina Semenchuk** and **Marina Prudenskaja** sharing the role of Azucena, Italian bass **Maurizio Muraro** as Ferrando, Jette Paker Young Artists Irish soprano **Jennifer Davis** and Australian soprano **Lauren Fagan** sharing the role of Ines

and Jette Parker Young Artist and Korean tenor **David Junghoon Kim** as Ruiz. Italian conductor **Gianandrea Noseda** conducts all performances.

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