



ROYAL
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THE ROYAL OPERA TOURS TO JAPAN IN SEPTEMBER 2015

THE COMPANY WILL PERFORM PHYLLIDA LLOYD'S PRODUCTION OF *MACBETH*, KASPER HOLTEN'S PRODUCTION OF *DON GIOVANNI* AND A CONCERT PERFORMANCE OF MOZART CONCERT ARIAS AND MOZART'S *REQUIEM*

The Royal Opera is delighted to be returning to Japan in September 2015, following a hugely successful tour in 2010, when the Company presented *Manon*, *La traviata* and a concert performance of *Messiah*. This year, The Royal Opera will present performances of *Macbeth* and *Don Giovanni* and a concert performance of Mozart's *Requiem* with a selection of Mozart concert arias. All performances are conducted by The Royal Opera's Music Director **Antonio Pappano**.

Phyllida Lloyd's production of *Macbeth* opens the tour on 12 September at **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan**, with British baritone **Simon Keenlyside** singing the title role, which he performed with The Royal Opera in this production in 2011. Also returning to the cast from The Royal Opera's 2011 performances of this production are Ukrainian soprano **Liudmyla Monastyrskya** in the role of Lady Macbeth and American bass **Raymond Aceto** as Banquo. Romanian tenor

Teodor Ilincai sings the role of Macduff and the cast also includes current and former members of the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme.

Don Giovanni opens on 13 September at **NHK Hall**, directed by Director of Opera for The Royal Opera **Kasper Holten**. The production had its premiere at the Royal Opera House in February 2014 and was revived in June 2015 at Covent Garden. Italian bass-baritone **Ildebrando D'Arcangelo** will sing the title role. Italian bass **Alex Esposito** returns to sing the role of Leporello following critically acclaimed performances in this production at the Royal Opera House in 2014 and 2015. American mezzo-soprano **Joyce DiDonato** will sing the role of Donna Elvira, and Mexican tenor **Rolando Villazón** will sing the role of Don Ottavio following performances at Covent Garden in June 2015. Donna Anna is sung by Russian soprano **Albina Shagimuratova** (who also sang the role at Covent Garden in 2015) and Russian soprano **Julia Lezhneva** will sing the role of Zerlina, after making her Royal Opera debut in this role in performances at the Royal Opera House at the end of the 2014/15 Season. Former Jette Parker Young Artist and British bass **Matthew Rose** will sing the role of Masetto.

The Mozart concert will be performed at Tokyo Bunka Kaikan on Sunday 19 September 2015 and will feature concert arias sung by **Albina Shagimuratova, Julia Lezhneva, Joyce DiDonato, Rolando Villazón** and **Ildebrando D'Arcangelo**. The soloists for the Mozart Requiem will be **Albina Shagimuratova, Joyce DiDonato, Rolando Villazón** and **Ildebrando D'Arcangelo**.

MACBETH

Saturday 12 September **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** (3pm)

Tuesday 15 September **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** (3pm)

Friday 18 September **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** (6.30pm)

Monday 21 September **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** (1.30pm)

Conductor	Antonio Pappano
Cast includes:	
Macbeth	Simon Keenlyside
Banquo	Raymond Aceto
Lady Macbeth	Liudmyla Monastyrska
Macduff	Teodor Ilincai
Malcolm	Samuel Sakker
Doctor	Jihoon Kim
Lady-in-Waiting	Anush Hovhannisyan

DON GIOVANNI

Sunday 13 September **NHK Hall** (3pm)

Thursday 17 September **NHK Hall** (6.30pm)

Sun 20 September **NHK Hall** (1.30pm)

Wed 23 September **Hyogo Performing Arts Center** (4pm)

Conductor	Antonio Pappano
Don Giovanni	Ildebrando D'Arcangelo
Leporello	Alex Esposito
Commendatore	Raymond Aceto
Donna Anna	Albina Shagimuratova
Don Ottavio	Rolando Villazón
Donna Elvira	Joyce DiDonato
Zerlina	Julia Lezhneva
Masetto	Matthew Rose

CONCERT: Mozart's *Requiem*

Saturday 19 September **Tokyo Bunka Kaikan** (7pm)

A concert performance of Mozart's *Requiem* with a selection of Mozart concert arias, conducted by Music Director **Antonio Pappano**.

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