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CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

OUR EXTRAORDINARY WORLD GALA

(A Fundraising Gala in aid of the Royal Opera House Foundation)

30 OCTOBER 2012

Due to illness, and with great regret, Dutch soprano **Eva-Maria Westbroek** has had to withdraw from *Our Extraordinary World Gala*.

We are very grateful that British soprano **Elisabeth Meister** is able to replace Eva-Maria Westbroek in the Easter Chorus from *Cavalleria rusticana*, as part of the Gala programme.

Elisabeth Meister is currently performing Helmwig (*Die Walküre*) and Third Norn (*Götterdämmerung*) in Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* for The Royal Opera. A former Jette Parker Young Artist, she has also sung Pale Lady (*The Gambler*), Fox (*Cunning Little Vixen*), High Priestess (*Aida*), First Lady (*Die Zauberflöte*) and Lady-in-Waiting (*Macbeth*) for The Royal Opera. She returns to sing the role of Ker in *The Minotaur* with the Company in January.

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