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23 FEBRUARY 2016

CAST AMENDMENT

LA TRAVIATA (Giuseppe Verdi)

1, 4, 7 March 2016 at 7pm

Mexican tenor **Rolando Villazón** has withdrawn from singing the role of Alfredo Germont on 1, 4 and 7 March as he is suffering from a severe upper respiratory tract infection. The role will now be sung by Sardinian tenor **Piero Pretti** on these dates. Piero Pretti also sings the role on 9, 12, 16 and 19 March.

Piero Pretti has recently sung the role of Alfredo Germont for Teatro Regio, Turin, La Fenice, Venice, and Vienna State Opera. Other recent roles include Rodolfo (*La bohème*) for the Vienna State Opera, Lieutenant B.F. Pinkerton (*Madama Butterfly*) for Paris Opéra and Edgardo (*Lucia di Lammermoor*) for La Scala, Milan, and Hamburg State Opera. He made his Royal Opera debut in the 2014/15 Season as the Duke of Mantua (*Rigoletto*), a role he has also sung for companies including La Scala Milan, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Bavarian State Opera and Teatro Regio, Turin.

The rest of the cast on 1, 4 and 7 March remains unchanged, with Italian soprano **Maria Agresta** singing the role of Violetta Valéry, American baritone **Quinn Kelsey** singing the role of Giorgio Germont, New Zealand mezzo-soprano **Sarah Castle** as Flora Bervoix, Australian tenor and Jette Parker Young Artist **Samuel Sakker** (1 March) and Portuguese tenor **Luis Gomes** (4 and 7 March) as Gastone de Letorières, British mezzo-soprano **Gaynor Keeble** as Annina, Ukrainian baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Yuriy Yurchuk** as Baron Douphol, British bass and Jette Parker Young Artist **James Platt** as Doctor Grenvil, British bass **Jeremy White** as Marquis d'Obigny and Italian conductor **Nicola Luisotti**.

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