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14 DECEMBER 2016

CAST AMENDMENT

IL TROVATORE (Giuseppe Verdi)

26, 28, 31 January; 3, 6, 9 February 2017

Following the announcement last week that Russian baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** has withdrawn from *Il trovatore*, the role of Count di Luna will now be sung by Ukrainian baritone **Vitaliy Bilyy**.

Vitaliy Bilyy makes his Royal Opera debut as Count di Luna, having previously sung the role for the Metropolitan Opera, New York, Opéra National de Paris and Bavarian State Opera. Other recent engagements include Alfio (*Cavalleria rusticana*) and Amonasro (*Aida*) for Opéra National de Paris, Giorgio Germont (*La traviata*) for Vienna State Opera and Dresden State Opera, Miller (*Luisa Miller*) for San Francisco Opera, Teatro di San Carlo, Naples, and Budapest Spring Festival, Prince Yeletsky (*The Queen of Spades*) for Teatro dell'Opera di Roma and Paolo Albiani (*Simon Boccanegra*) for La Scala, Milan

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Armenian soprano **Lianna Haroutounian** as Leonora, American tenor **Gregory Kunde** as Manrico, Georgian mezzo-soprano **Anita Rachvelishvili** as Azucena, Ukrainian bass **Alexander Tsymbalyuk** as Ferrando, American soprano and Jette Parker Young Artist **Francesca Chiejina** as Ines, Australian tenor, Royal Opera Company Principal and former Jette Parker Young Artist **Samuel Sakker** as Ruiz and English conductor **Richard Farnes**.

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