

2 DECEMBER 2016

CAST AMENDMENT

MANON LESCAUT (Giacomo Puccini)

Friday 2 December at 7.30pm

Due to illness, Latvian tenor **Aleksandrs Antonenko** has had to withdraw from singing the role of Chevalier des Grieux in *Manon Lescaut* on Friday 2nd December. The role will now be performed by Italian tenor **Massimo Giordano**.

Massimo Giordano's recent appearances have included Mario Cavaradossi in *Tosca* (Royal Opera, Vienna State Opera, Paris Opéra, Metropolitan Opera, New York, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Korean National Opera), Don José in *Carmen* (Arena di Verona, Deutsche Oper Berlin), Maurizio in *Adriana Lecouvreur* and Andrea Chénier (Vienna State Opera), Pollione in *Norma* (Vienna State Opera, Beijing, Bavarian State Opera), Chevalier des Grieux in *Manon Lescaut* (Baden-Baden, Muscat, Hanover), Rodolfo in *La bohème* (Paris Opéra) and Gounod's Faust (Berlin State Opera).

The rest of the cast remains unchanged: American soprano **Sondra Radvanovsky** sings the role of Manon Lescaut, Hungarian baritone **Levente Molnár** sings the role of Lescaut, American bass **Eric Halfvarson** sings the role of Geronte di Revoir, Portuguese tenor **Luis Gomes** sings the role of Edmondo, Welsh tenor **Aled Hall** sings the role of Dancing Master, Australian mezzo-soprano **Emily Edmonds** sings the role of Musician, Korean tenor **David Junghoon Kim** sings the role of Lamplighter, British bass **David Shipley** sings the role of Sergeant and English bass-baritone **Nicholas Crawley** sings the role of Naval Captain; the performance is conducted by Music Director **Antonio Pappano**.

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