



ROYAL OPERA

17 OCTOBER 2016

CAST AMENDMENT

IL TROVATORE (Giuseppe Verdi)

4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 December 2016

Following the announcement that French-Sicilian tenor **Roberto Alagna** has withdrawn from *Il trovatore*, the role of Manrico will now be shared between Uzbekistani tenor **Najmiddin Mavlyanov** (4, 7, 10 and 13 December) and Italian tenor **Stefano Secco** (16 December).

Najmiddin Mavlyanov made his Royal Opera debut as Mario Cavaradossi (*Tosca*) during the 2015/16 Season. Elsewhere he has performed with the Stanislavsky Opera, Moscow, Opera Vlaanderen, Deutsche Opera am Rhein and Finnish National Opera, in roles including Alfredo Germont (*La traviata*), Manrico (*Il trovatore*), Don José (*Carmen*), Rodolfo (*La bohème*), Lensky (*Eugene Onegin*), Hoffmann (*Les Contes d'Hoffmann*) and the title role of *Werther*.

Stefano Secco made his Royal Opera debut as Nemorino (*L'elisir d'amore*) in 2007. His recent engagements include Pinkerton (*Madama Butterfly*) for Hamburg State Opera, Rodolfo (*La bohème*) for Teatro Regio in Turin, Nemorino (*L'elisir d'amore*) for Vienna State Opera and the title role in *Don Carlo* for Grange Park Opera.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged with Italian soprano **Maria Agresta** as Leonora, Georgian mezzo-soprano **Anita Rachvelishvili** as Azucena, American baritone **Quinn Kelsey** as Count di Luna, Hungarian bass **Gábor Bretz** as Ferrando, Irish soprano and Jette Parker Young Artist **Jennifer Davis** as Ines, Korean tenor and Jette Parker Young Artist **David Junghoon Kim** as Ruiz and English conductor **Richard Farnes**.

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