



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

THE ROYAL OPERA 2009/10 SEASON

The 2009/10 season marks the 10th anniversary since the Royal Opera House was re-opened in 1999.

Works new to The Royal Opera

Artaxerxes (Linbury Studio)
The Gambler
Tamerlano
The Tsarina's Slippers
Linda di Chamounix in concert

Seven New Productions

<i>Tristan und Isolde</i>	directed by Christof Loy
<i>Artaxerxes</i> (Linbury Studio)	directed by Martin Duncan
<i>The Tsarina's Slippers</i>	directed by Francesca Zambello
<i>The Gambler</i>	directed by Richard Jones
<i>Tamerlano</i>	directed by Graham Vick
<i>Aida</i>	directed by David McVicar
<i>Manon</i>	directed by Laurent Pelly

Music Director Antonio Pappano Conducts

Three new productions - *Tristan und Isolde*, *The Gambler*, *Manon*
Two revivals - *L'heure espagnole / Gianni Schicchi*, *Simon Boccanegra*

First Revivals

The 2009/10 season sees the first revivals of a number of productions, first seen in the new house, under the tenure of Antonio Pappano.

Il turco in Italia (directed by Patrice Caurier and Moshe Leiser)
First performance February 2003

La fille du régiment (directed by Laurent Pelly)
First performance 2007

L'Heure Espagnole / Gianni Schicchi (directed by Richard Jones)
First performed March 2007

Salome (directed by David McVicar)
First performed February 2008

Powder Her Face (directed by Carlos Wagner)
First performed June 2008
Linbury Studio Theatre

Don Carlo (directed by Nicholas Hytner)
First performed June 2008

The Rake's Progress (directed by Robert Lepage)
First performed July 2008

Plácido Domingo and The Royal Opera

Plácido Domingo will sing in two productions during the 2009/10

Bajazet - *Tamerlano*

Title role in *Simon Boccanegra*

He celebrates his 225th performance with The Royal Opera when he sings the role of Bajazet (*Tamerlano*) on the opening night, 5 March 2009. This will be his 26th tenor role for The Royal Opera since his debut in 1971.

He returns later in the season to sing the title role of Simon Boccanegra, his 27th role with The Royal Opera, and the BP relay of *Simon Boccanegra* will be Plácido Domingo's 10th. He took part in the first Big Screen Relay in 1987.

Anniversaries

The 2009/10 season also celebrates the popularity of some Royal Opera productions

Così fan tutte – directed by Jonathan Miller

First seen 15 year ago (18/1/1995)

The Cunning Little Vixen – directed by Bill Bryden

First seen 20 years ago (7/6/1990)

Der Rosenkavalier – production by John Schlesinger

First seen 25 years ago (4/12/1984)

La bohème – production by John Copley

First seen 35 years ago (7/2/1974)

Other Revivals

Carmen (directed by Francesca Zambello)

First performance December 2006 (to celebrate the 60th anniversary of The Royal Opera)

There will be two runs, the first beginning 6 October 2009 with **Elina Garanca** in the title role, the second beginning 5 June 2010 with **Marina Domashenko** in the title role.

Le nozze di Figaro – directed by David McVicar (for the 250th Mozart anniversary year)

First performed January 2006

Returns for its second revival with **Erwin Schrott** in the title role

La traviata – directed by Richard Eyre

First performed November 1994.

There will be two runs, the first beginning 11 May with **Ermonela Jaho** as Violetta, the second in July 2010, which sees the return of **Angela Gheorghiu** to the role of Violetta.