



Press Release

TRILOGY OF OPERATIC DELIGHT FOR DUBAI OPERA

This year's Autumn Opera season will welcome three of the greatest ever works composed by Mozart

Dubai UAE, 16th February 2017: Dubai Opera has announced the schedule for this year's Autumn Opera season. In September it will host three of the greatest pieces ever written, all of which are brand new specially commissioned productions of the collaborations between composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and librettist Lorenzo da Ponte. 'The Opera Trilogy' will comprise three operatic masterpieces by Mozart: The Marriage of Figaro (Le nozze di Figaro), Don Giovanni and Così fan tutte.

Outlandish plots filled with humour meet betrayal, deception, seduction and above all sublime music over three magical evenings in this trilogy.

Kicking off the season is The Marriage of Figaro on the 7 & 14 September. This witty yet profound tale of love, betrayal and forgiveness is played out over four acts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Italian libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte based on Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais's 1784 play Le Mariage de Figaro

The story does not lend itself to a typical operatic performance but unfolds with a great deal of physical comedy and a hint of a dark undercurrent, set to Mozart's masterpiece of a score. Set in Count Almaviva's castle in Seville in the late 18th Century, The Marriage of Figaro is a sequel to his earlier play, Il Barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville), familiar to opera audiences through Rossini's great opera.

On the 9 & 16 September witness Mozart's darkly comic opera Don Giovanni; an opera in two acts that delves into darkness with the tale of a young, arrogant and promiscuous nobleman who seduces, murders and betrays without remorse. But when Don Giovanni commits murder, he is haunted by the ghost of the murdered man. Don Giovanni, "dramma giocoso" means "happy tragedy" or "tragic comedy" which was a term coined by Mozart.

On the 8 & 15 September Mozart's third and final collaboration with librettist Lorenzo da Ponte, following Le nozze di Figaro and Don Giovanni; Così fan tutte tells the story of two young officers, Ferrando and Guglielmo, and a wager between the two young men and a



philosopher about the faithfulness of their fiancées. Desire, disguise, deception and deceit is then played out in a world where make-believe and reality are merged into an operatic delight.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented: "Once again Dubai Opera is breaking new ground with these specially-commissioned productions of three of Mozart's greatest operas from the wonderful Teatro di San Carlo in Naples. We've also been listening to our audiences and are delighted to offer our first ever season pass to give opera fans the chance to enjoy all three works for the price of two, offering not only incredible quality but also exceptional value."

With the introduction of the Opera *Season Pass* enjoy all three operas for the price of two with the purchase of Premium or A Reserve tickets. For more details please visit www.dubaiopera.com

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