

# 'YOUNG ARTISTS, PAST AND PRESENT FROM THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE COVENT GARDEN'

SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 p.m.



Kishani Jayasinghe (soprano) Kai Ruutel (mezzo soprano) Robert Anthony Gardiner (tenor) Grant Doyle (baritone) Caroline Dowdle (piano) Christopher Glyn (piano)

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## Programme

'With Love from Vienna' Songs and arias from Vienna, featuring Brahms Liebesliederwalzer for Four Voices.

*"...it was the Sri Lankan soprano Kishani Jayasinghe in the tiny role of Barbarina who made my ears prick up suddenly - there's a gorgeous voice in embryo here, charged with the crushed velvet, vintage port, Jersey creaminess of the young Kiri te Kanawa." (Le Nozze di Figaro/ROH) Daily Telegraph, July 2008*

**GRANT DOYLE (BARITONE)** was a member of the Young Artists Programme at the ROH, Covent Garden from 2001 to 2003. In 2004 he returned to the ROH as a guest artist, and he has since sung Harlequin Ariadne auf Naxos, Schaunard, Bello La Fanciulla del West, Demetrius, Morales Carmen and Narrator in Dominique LeGendre's Bird of Night. In April 2009 he made his debut with Opera North. Other roles include Schaunard for Glyndebourne on Tour, Marcello La Bohème for Raymond Gubbay at the Royal Albert Hall, Frederick Lakmé for Opera Holland Park, and in a variety of roles as a ROH Young Artist. Future engagements include Count Le Nozze di Figaro (Garsington).

**ROBERT ANTHONY GARDINER (TENOR)** studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, Frankfurt Opera School and the NOS. Awards include Elizabeth Harwood Memorial Prize, Wexford Festival Rosenblatt Award, Peter Moores Foundation Scholarship, Gwilym Gwalchmai Jones Award, Mario Lanza Educational Award and Middlemore Educational Foundation Award. He joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme in September 2008 and made his ROH debut as Egoldo Mathilde di Shabran, followed by Filch The Beggar's Opera. In the 2009/10 Season, he will sing Lerma Don Carlo, Major Domo I Der Rosenkavalier, Second Croupier The Gambler, Gastone La traviata and Second Jew Salome.

**KISHANI JAYASINGHE (SOPRANO)** from Sri Lanka recently completed two years as a member of the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House. She made her Royal Opera debut as Chloë The Queen of Spades, followed by Ines Il trovatore, Giannetta L'elisir d'amore, Flowermaiden Parsifal, Papagena Die Zauberflöte and Barbarina Le nozze di Figaro for the Royal Opera House. Most recently she performed at Buckingham Palace for Prince Charles' 60th Birthday Celebrations with the Royal Opera House. Currently an Associate Artist of the Classical Opera Company, she was most recently awarded the top women's prize at the Francesco Vilas International Vocal Competition 2009 in Barcelona and the Arlene Auger Prize for the Most Accomplished All Round Singer at the Dutch International Vocal Competition 2008. Future engagements include Countess Le Nozze di Figaro (Garsington Opera). She will also record Echo Ariadne auf Naxos for Chandos Records conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras.

**KAI RÜÜTEL (MEZZO-SOPRANO)** from Estonian trained at Georg Ots Music School in Tallinn, the Koninklijk Conservatorium Den Haag and Dutch National Opera Academie. She won first prize in the national competition for young classical singers in Estonia in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Opera includes Dorabella Così fan tutte, Ottavia L'incoronazione di Poppea, Zerlina Don Giovanni, Mère Marie Dialogues des Carmelites, Carmen La tragedie de Carmen and chorus Two Widows for Dutch National Opera Academie, and Usher Trial by Jury for Koninklijk Conservatorium. She joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme in September 2009 and will make her Royal Opera debut as Venerable Lady The Gambler (also covering Blanche), followed by Zaïde Il turco in Italia, Rosette Manon and Flora La traviata.

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