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RIGOLETTO

GIUSEPPE VERDI 1813–1901

In one of The Royal Opera's most celebrated and popular productions, director David McVicar mixes lavish historical costumes and dark stylized settings to highlight the savagery and excitement of Verdi's tale of misdirected revenge. Paolo Gavanelli is vocally and theatrically electrifying as the hunchback anti-hero, acclaimed soprano Christine Schäfer is his doomed daughter, and superstar tenor Marcelo Álvarez is her fickle lover. With superb playing from the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, it adds up to a thrilling *Rigoletto* for both opera aficionados and newcomers.

'The greatest *Rigoletto* London has seen in 30 years' *The Sunday Times*

'Thrilling commitment on all sides' *Gramophone*

Sung in Italian with English subtitles

EXTRA FEATURES

BBC documentary *Verdi through the looking glass*
 Director David McVicar talks about his production of *Rigoletto* · Illustrated synopsis

DUKE OF MANTUA Marcelo Álvarez
 RIGOLETTO Paolo Gavanelli
 GILDA Christine Schäfer
 SPARAFUCILE Eric Halfvarson
 MADDALENA Graciela Araya
 GIOVANNA Elizabeth Sikora
 COUNT CEPRANO Graeme Broadbent
 COUNTESS CEPRANO Dervla Ramsay
 MATTEO BORSA Peter Auty
 COUNT MONTERONE Giovan Battista Parodi
 MARULLO Quentin Hayes
 COURT USHER Nigel Cliffe
 PAGE Andrea Hazell

Royal Opera Chorus
 CHORUS DIRECTOR Terry Edwards

Orchestra of the Royal Opera House
 CONCERT MASTER Peter Manning

CONDUCTOR Sir Edward Downes
 STAGE DIRECTOR David McVicar
 SET DESIGNS Michael Vale
 COSTUME DESIGNS Tanya McCallin
 LIGHTING DESIGN Paule Constable
 CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT Leah Hausman
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