



Press release
**GREGORY KUNDE KICKS OFF THE CONCERTI LIRICO-
SINFONICI**
**The series begins on 18 August at 3.30 p.m. at the Teatro
Rossini**

The first of the Concerti lirico-sinfonici of the 45th edition of the Rossini Opera Festival will be held on Sunday 18th August at 3.30 p.m. at the Teatro Rossini. It will feature tenor Gregory Kunde, with Alessandro Cadario conducting the Filarmonica Gioachino Rossini and pianist John G. Smith.

The concert programme includes Rossini's symphony of the *Gazza ladra* and *Aire d'Arnold* 'Asile héréditaire' from *Guillaume Tell*, the Overture from *Candide* and 'Maria' from L. Bernstein's *West Side Story*, and other pieces arranged by John G. Smith: *Fly me to the moon* (B. Howard), *How do you keep the music playing?* (M. Legrand / A. and M. Bergman), *All of me* (G. Marks / S. Simons), *When I fall in love* and *All the way* (V. Young / E. Heyman, J. Van Heusen / S. Cahn) and *You make me feel so young* (J. Myrow / M. Gordon).

Gregory Kunde is an American tenor and has appeared on the stages of all the most prestigious theatres and concert halls on the international scene. He regularly collaborates with the most important conductors and directors. Having first established himself in the *Belcanto* repertoire, he has in recent years landed in the great tenor roles of Verdi and Puccini. He made his debut in Europe as conductor in *Maria di Rohan* at the Festival Donizetti in Bergamo and also conducted *Il barbiere di Siviglia* at the Teatro La Fenice in Venice.

In 2013 he received the Premio Bellini d'Oro and the Premio Franco Abbiati as best tenor. In 2018 in Parma he was awarded the Cavalierato di Verdi. A frequent presence at the Rossini Opera Festival, he made his debut in *Semiramide* in 1992 and sang in seven other opera productions: *Armida*, *Guillaume Tell*, *Ricciardo and Zoraide*, *Tancredi*, *Otello*, *Ermione* and *Zelmira*.

The second of the Concerti lirico-sinfonici will be held on Tuesday 20th August at 3.30 p.m. at Teatro Rossini, and will feature Giorgio Caoduro as soloist.

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