



## **Press Release**

# **ROF CLOSSES IN STYLE CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF IL VIAGGIO A REIMS**

The 45th edition of Rossini Opera Festival concludes in grand fashion on Friday 23rd August at 8:30 pm at the Auditorium Scavolini with a concert performance of *Il Viaggio a Reims*. This operatic cantata has become a symbol of ROF since its modern premiere in a critical edition on 18th August 1984 at the Auditorium Pedrotti, conducted by Claudio Abbado and directed by Luca Ronconi. The memorable production took place 159 years after the opera's original debut at the Théâtre Italien in Paris on 19th June 1825.

Forty years later, a dazzling cast under the baton of Diego Matheuz, conducting the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della Rai and the Coro Ventidio Basso, will revive the score to celebrate this historic performance. The festival previously restaged the production in 1992 on the bicentenary of Rossini's birth and in 1999 for the festival's 20th edition.

Among the evening's performers are Vasilisa Berzhanskaya (Corinna), Maria Barakova (Marchesa Melibea), Jessica Pratt (Contessa di Folleville), Karine Deshayes (Madama Cortese), Jack Swanson (Cavalier Belfiore), Dmitry Korchak (Conte di Libenskof), Michael Mofidian (Lord Sidney), Erwin Schrott (Don Profondo), Nicola Alaimo (Barone di Trombonok), Vito Priante (Don Alvaro), Alejandro Baliñas (Don Prudenzio), Tianxuefei Sun (Don Luigino), Paola Leguizamón (Delia), Martiniana Antonie (Maddalena), Vittoriana De Amicis (Modestina), Jorge Juan Morata (Zefirino / Gelsomino) and Nicolò Donini (Antonio). The concert will be broadcast live via video projection in Piazza del Popolo in collaboration with the Municipality of Pesaro. Admission is free.

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