

## **GARSINGTON OPERA ANNOUNCES 2018 SEASON**

In 2018 Garsington Opera will present the world premiere of *The Skating Rink* by leading British composer **David Sawer** with a libretto by award-winning playwright **Rory Mullarkey**. This new commission is based on the short novel by Chilean author Roberto Bolaño; **Stewart Laing** will direct and **Garry Walker** (*The Cunning Little Vixen*, 2014) conducts. The Philharmonia Orchestra joins for Verdi's *Falstaff* with **Henry Waddington** making his debut in the title role. **Richard Farnes** will conduct and **Bruno Ravella** (*Intermezzo*, 2015) directs. Garsington Opera's first collaboration with Santa Fe Opera features Strauss's *Capriccio* with **Miah Persson** as the Countess. **Tim Albery** (*Idomeneo*, 2016) directs with **Douglas Boyd**, Artistic Director of Garsington Opera, conducting. A new production of *The Magic Flute* opens the seven week season on 31 May with **Christian Curnyn** conducting and **Netia Jones** directing, both making their Garsington Opera debuts.

The 2017 season opens on 1 June and features four operas – Handel's Semele, Debussy's Pelléas et Mélisande, Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro and Rossini's Il turco in Italia. Roxanna Panufnik's people's opera Silver Birch, written for 180 community participants and professional singers completes the season. Visit <a href="https://www.garsingtonopera.org">www.garsingtonopera.org</a> for the few remaining seats.

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