

## FREE SCREENINGS IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES, RIVERSIDE LOCATIONS AND PARKS

Garsington Opera's 2015 production of *Così fan tutte* will have free screenings in three coastal communities Louth (5 July), Grimsby (29 September) and Ramsgate (October), as well as in Oxford (2 July) and Waddesdon (3 September). Their 2014 production of Offenbach's *Vert-Vert* will also be screened at Marlow Festival (14 June).

These free public screenings, together with extensive education projects, are part of the Garsington Opera for All programme, set up by Magna Vitae and the Coastal Communities Alliance after a successful bid made in the autumn to Arts Council England.

Garsington Opera for All will work with secondary and primary schools for a week in each area where the film will be screened. Each project will see the young people developing their own short opera based on the themes of *Così fan tutte*, devising and composing their own production and their residency will end in a performance to the school. All the participants will come to the screening of the Opera. On the day of the opera screening Garsington Opera will work with up to 40 adults from the community to learn and explore themes on *Così fan tutte*, to produce a 5-10 minute promenade performance.

Garsington Opera's production of *Così fan tutte* features celebrity **Lesley Garrett** in the role of Despina, Romanian soprano **Andreea Soare** (making her UK debut) and **Kathryn Rudge** in the roles of Fiordiligi and Dorabella. The award-winning Irish tenor **Robin Tritschler** (Ferrando) and **Ashley Riches** (Guglielmo), a former Jette Parker Young Artist, allow themselves to be drawn into the intrigues of their cynical friend Don Alfonso, sung by Welsh bass-baritone **Neal Davies**, who persuades them to put the love of their fiancées to the test. Garsington Opera Artistic Director **Douglas Boyd** conducts, **John Fulljames**, Associate Director of Opera at the Royal Opera House directs and **Dick Bird** designs.

## SCREENING DETAILS

MARLOW	Sunday 14 June 7.30pm
OXFORD	Sunday 2 July 6pm
LOUTH	Sunday 5 July 1.30pm
GRIMSBY	Tuesday 29 Sept 12noon
WADDESDON	Thursday 3 September
RAMSGATE	10 – 15 October tbc

Marlow Festival Enclosure Magdalen College Fields SO Festival, Westgate Fields n Grimsby Auditorium Waddesdon Manor Ramsgate Arts

## **GARSINGTON OPERA 2015 SEASON**

Garsington Opera's season opens on 5 June with three new productions – Richard Strauss' *Intermezzo*, Britten's *Death in Venice* with Steuart Bedford who conducted the 1973 world premiere, Mozart's Così *fan tutte* with star Lesley Garrett in the role of Despina and an abridged version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Mendelssohn's incidental music, presented in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

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