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Investec Opera Holland Park announces 2020 season

Investec Opera Holland Park's 2020 season will include four brand new productions. The season opens with two of the great classics of the repertoire; Verdi's *Rigoletto* – last performed at OHP in 2011, and Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* – last staged in 2012.

The third production will be Lehár's sparkling operetta, *The Merry Widow*, sung in English. This work makes a comeback after 14 years.

The final opera of the 2020 season will be Montemezzi's grand masterpiece *La nave (The Ship)*. Premiered in 1918 and based on a Gabriele D'Annunzio play, it is a nationalistic story of fratricide, homicide and suicide among a noble Venetian family - two brothers manipulated by the alluring but cruel Basiliola. The opera was thought to have been lost after its score was destroyed during the Second World War, but work by Teatro Grattacielo in New York and Ricordi brought the opera back to life. It is an epic, glorious work, suffused with Wagnerian richness, and features extraordinary choral passages. OHP has previously championed Montemezzi's *L'amore dei tre re*, to great success, and is now delighted to be able to bring this major work to London.

Casting information and performance dates will be given in due course.

Investec Opera Holland Park's 2018 season will run from 29 May to 28 July. Full details at www.operahollandpark.com.

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