



Opera Holland Park celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Young Artist Scheme with *The Marriage of Figaro*

Press Release

Opera Holland Park is delighted to mark the 10th anniversary of its Young Artist Scheme with the 2021 Young Artist production of *The Marriage of Figaro*.

Opera Holland Park is committed to identifying and nurturing talent. The Young Artists Scheme is unique in the UK, offering the opportunity to rehearse in a professional environment and perform on a major London stage to a paying audience during our summer festival. The scheme also encourages participants to develop new skills through their involvement with Opera Holland Park's award-winning *Inspire* programme.

The Young Artists Scheme at Opera Holland Park was launched in 2011 to open doors into the industry for emerging directors, conductors and singers, with the generous financial support of the late Christine Collins.

The Young Artists rehearse alongside the main cast in the lead up to our summer season, in addition to enjoying a dedicated rehearsal space of their own for a four week period. They are also given individual mentoring, language coaching and a dedicated sitzprobe with the City of London Sinfonia.

The Marriage of Figaro production opened the Opera Holland Park 2021 Season. The production is directed by Oliver Platt, designed by takis, and conducted by George Jackson. The principals of the main cast production Nardus Williams, Julien Van Mellaerts, Elizabeth Karani and Claire Lees are all successful alumni of the scheme..

This year's Young Artists, performing in *The Marriage of Figaro* in four main-stage performances, are:

Lada Valešová – Associate Conductor

Rebecca Meltzer – Associate Director

Thomas Ang – Répétiteur

Jacob Phillips – Count Almaviva

Siân Dicker – Countess Almaviva

Charlotte Bowden – Susanna

Jolyon Loy – Figaro

Charlotte Badham – Cherubino

Hannah Bennett – Marcellina

Alex Jones – Bartolo

Isabelle Peters – Barbarina

Guy Withers – Basilio/Don Curzio

Of the four main-stage performances, two are reserved for School Matinees as part of the Opera Holland Park *Inspire* programme enabling children to experience opera. The performance schedule of the Young Artist production of *The Marriage of Figaro* is as follows:



- 14 June at 7.15pm
- 16 June at 12pm – Schools Matinee
- 22 June at 12pm – Schools Matinee
- 26 June at 2pm

The production with music from the City of London Sinfonia and the Opera Holland Park Chorus will be sung in Italian with English surtitles.

For more information about the 2021 Young Artist production and artists, please visit:

<https://operahollandpark.com/news/introducing-the-opera-holland-park-young-artists-2021>

For information about the main cast production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, please visit:

<https://operahollandpark.com/productions/marriage-of-figaro-2021>

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Links and images

Images of the Young Artists Performance can be found [here](#).

2021 Season

Opera Holland Park's 2021 Season with resident orchestra City of London Sinfonia opened on 1 June. The season includes new productions of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, Mascagni's *L'amico Fritz*, a revival of the company's celebrated 2018 staging of Verdi's *La traviata*, a co-production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* with Charles Court Opera and the classic Bernstein and Comden & Green musical *Wonderful Town*.

British Youth Opera, a training company with which many of OHP's artists and creatives have cut their operatic teeth, will also be making its OHP debut in August 2021 with productions of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* and Rossini's *L'occasione fa il ladro*.

More information about the season, including casting and information about the company's redesigned theatre, can be found on Opera Holland Park's website [here](#).

Press images of productions, as well as imagery of the new auditorium, can be found [here](#).



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