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Two operas with texts by great playwrights for
lovers of theatre and music.

Autumn 2010

Promised End ETO gives the premiere performances of a new opera by Alexander Goehr, setting one of Shakespeare's greatest plays: *King Lear*. One of the UK's most distinguished composers, Goehr has collaborated with scholar Frank Kermode on the distillation of Shakespeare's incomparable text. He has created a new piece of lyric theatre which is vivid and inspiring.

The Duenna In the same season, a new production of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Duenna*, a play with songs composed by the Linleys of Bath, reflecting the scandalous elopement of the lusty Irish playwright with Elizabeth Linley, a celebrated singer and society beauty. This opera, the most popular of 18th Century England – making the fortunes of the Covent Garden theatre – is tuneful, sabre-tongued, and light-hearted, the jewel of Georgian England.

Touring from 7 October until 26 November, including ETO's first appearance at the Linbury Studio, Royal Opera House, London (7-16 October), Exeter, Bath, Malvern, Cambridge and Snape. More venues to be confirmed. For more information visit EnglishTouringOpera.org.uk or call 020 7833 2555.



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