

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA

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Mozart **LA CLEMENZA DI TITO**
Puccini **IL TABARRO** and **GIANNI SCHICCHI**
also a new family opera
Tobias Picker **FANTASTIC MR FOX** (Roald Dahl)

Rarely toured masterpieces by Mozart and Puccini – most popular of opera composers – and the first, full UK production of Tobias Picker's *Fantastic Mr Fox*, a new family opera based on Roald Dahl's classic: that's ETO in Spring 2011.

La clemenza di Tito is one of Mozart's final works, and his most magnificent. Its epic story of terrorism, betrayal and forgiveness is set in blazing colours, requiring fearless singers. At the heart of the opera is the choice of Sextus (played by Julia Riley, acclaimed in ETO's *Anna Bolena*) between loyalty to a noble emperor (Mark Wilde) and fiery sexual passion.

Puccini's two operas *Il tabarro* and *Gianni Schicchi* (each an hour long) could hardly be more different: one is a moody romance ending in a grotesque murder on a barge in Paris, and the other is a sparkling comedy about a family inheritance in Florence. Among his final operas, these are the works of a master of drama and character, whose lyrical genius is epitomised in the lovely aria 'O mio babbino caro'.

Fantastic Mr Fox is an irrepressible opera, pitting the wild animal world against three farmers and their devilish (soprano!) digger. Colourful, light hearted, and highly physical, this is a perfect night at the opera for adults and young people alike.

Dates for your diary
SPRING 2011

LONDON, HACKNEY EMPIRE (10-12 March)
CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE (15-19 March) tbc
EXETER NORTHCOTT (22-26 March) tbc
TUNBRIDGE WELLS, ASSEMBLY HALL THEATRE (28-29 March)
CRAWLEY, THE HAWTH (31 March - 2 April)
CHELTENHAM, EVERYMAN THEATRE (5-9 April)
SHEFFIELD, LYCEUM THEATRE (11-12 April)
SNAPE MALTINGS CONCERT HALL (14-16 April)
NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL (18-20 April) tbc
WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND (2-3 May)
BUXTON OPERA HOUSE (5-7 May)
TRURO, HALL FOR CORNWALL (9-11 May)
POOLE LIGHTHOUSE (13-14 May)
DURHAM, GALA THEATRE (16-17 May)
PERTH FESTIVAL (19-21 May)
BELFAST, GRAND OPERA HOUSE (25-28 May)
with GLASGOW and WARWICK ARTS CENTRE,
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