

## Verdi live in the heart of Zurich

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Zurich, January 20, 2014 – The Zurich Opera House and Zurich Insurance are launching «Opera for All». On June 21, Verdi's «Rigoletto» will be transmitted on the Zurich Sechseläutenplatz for public viewing: a special summer highlight for opera fans and the curious – with free admission.

The Zurich Opera House and Zurich Insurance are launching «Opera for All». On June 21, everyone's encouraged to bring along their folding chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Giuseppe Verdi's «Rigoletto» will be transmitted live on the Sechseläutenplatz on this Saturday. With its 15,000 square meters, it is one of the largest inner-city squares in Europe. The public viewing in the heart of Zurich is counted one of the summer highlights of Switzerland. That's because, after London, Vienna and Munich, the spectacular live transmission of an opera is taking place in Zurich for the first time.

Verdi's «Rigoletto», produced by Tatjana Gürbaca, is one of the most successful new productions of the Homoki directorship. The trade journal Opernwelt 2013 chose Gürbaca as the «Producer of the Year». In her modern interpretation, she concentrates totally on the action of the protagonists and dispenses with any opulent sets or costumes. Alexandra Kurzak as Gilda and Saimir Pirgu will be experienced in the main roles. George Petean will assume the part of Rigoletto, Fabio Luisi will stand at the podium of the Philharmonia Zürich.

### OPERA FOR ALL

Date:	Saturday, June 21, 2014
Opera:	«Rigoletto» by Giuseppe Verdi
Performance start:	7 p.m.
Preliminary program:	from 5 p.m.
Location:	Sechseläutenplatz, Zurich – free admission



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