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SCHEDULE CHANGES IN OCTOBER 2020 AT OPER FRANKFURT

In order to comply with restrictions in place to combat the risk of spreading the corona virus, which affect rehearsing and performing, changes have had to be made in programming during October at Oper Frankfurt:

The new production, and first production in Frankfurt, of **Jacques Offenbach's *Die Banditen / The Bandits***, which was to have opened on October 18th 2020, has been postponed to a later season and replaced by ***La serva padrona* (The Maid-Mistress)**, an amusing Intermezzo in two parts by **Giovanni Battista Pergolesi**, combined with a ***Stabat mater*** by the same composer. The production team for the Pergolesi double bill is the same as was planned for Offenbach's opéra bouffe (conductor: Karsten Januschke; director: Katharina Thoma). The performance dates in October remain unchanged. Full information about the cast will be announced as soon as possible.

Further information will be announced soon about the revivals planned for October: **George Frideric Handel's *Xerxes*** on October 23rd 2020 (conductor: Roland Böer; director: Tilmann Köhler) and **Giacomo Pucini's *Manon Lescaut*** on October 31st (conductor: Sesto Quatrini; director: Àlex Ollé), and the **Recital** by the tenor Jack Swanson on October 6th 2020.

A concept is being worked on to try and make at least some of the **Special events and concerts in the foyer** take place.

It has already been made known that **advance booking** could not open on July 6th 2020 as planned. The new date will be published as soon as possible. The reason is that our **subscription holders** are being given first option on the limited number of seats allowable per evening in September and October (the latest official audience capacity we were given was 390).

It cannot be ruled out that further changes will have to be made to the season after October 2020, but, if there are, they will be announced as soon as possible.

In the hope that you might be able to publish this information.

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