

The focus of Lorenzo Da Ponte's libretto for *Così fan tutte* is on female infidelity, two partner-swapping couples and a wager. Its enigmatic ambiguity and lightness of touch, its razor's edge balance between irony and empathy, detachment and involvement, and on-stage reality and illusion is structured with perfect Classical symmetry. More than any other opera it explores the depths and darker impulses of the experience of love. This production by director Sven-Eric Bechtolf was given in Florence with a staging that 'holds a balance between philosophy and humour' (*Bachtrack.com*).

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756–1791)

Così fan tutte

o sia La scuola degli amanti

Opera buffa in two acts, K. 588 (1790)
Libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte (1749–1838)

Fiordiligi **VALENTINA NAFORNIȚA**
Dorabella **VASILISA BERZHANSKAYA**
Despina **BENEDETTA TORRE**

Guglielmo **MATTIA OLIVIERI**
Ferrando **MATTHEW SWENSEN**
Don Alfonso **THOMAS HAMPSON**



Orchestra e Coro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

Conductor **ZUBIN MEHTA**
Stage Director **SVEN-ERIC BECHTOLF**
Set Designer **JULIAN CROUCH**
Costume Designer **KEVIN POLLARD**
Lighting Designer **ALEX BROK**
Video **JOSH HIGGASON**
Video Director **TIZIANO MANCINI**

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