

## ***Simon Boccanegra* Fact Sheet**

**Composer:** Giuseppe Verdi

**Librettist:** Francesco Maria Piave, with additions by Giuseppe Montanelli, based on Antonio García Gutiérrez's 1843 drama *Simón Boccanegra*

**World Premiere:** March 12, 1857, at the Teatro La Fenice in Venice.

**Version:** Verdi later revised *Simon Boccanegra* with librettist Arrigo Boito for the Teatro alla Scala in Milan, where the new version premiered on March 24, 1881. LA Opera will perform the now-standard 1881 version.

**Language:** Sung in Italian with projected English translations.

**Running time:** approximately two hours and 50 minutes, including one 25-minute intermission

**Production:** Company premiere. Production from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

**Dates/Times:**

Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 7:30pm

Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 2pm

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:30pm

Sunday, February 26, 2012, at 2pm

Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 4, 2012, at 2pm

**Location:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Creative Team:**

Conductor: James Conlon

Director: Elijah Moshinsky

Scenic Designer: Michael Yeargan

Costume Designer: Peter J. Hall (deceased)

Associate Conductor / Chorus Master: Grant Gershon

**Leading Artists:**

Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo in the baritone role of Simon Boccanegra

Puerto Rican soprano Ana María Martínez as Amelia Grimaldi

Ukrainian bass Vitalij Kowaljow as Jacopo Fiesco

Italian tenor Stevano Secco\* as Gabriele Adorno

Italian baritone Paolo Gavanelli as Paolo Albani

\*LA Opera debut

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