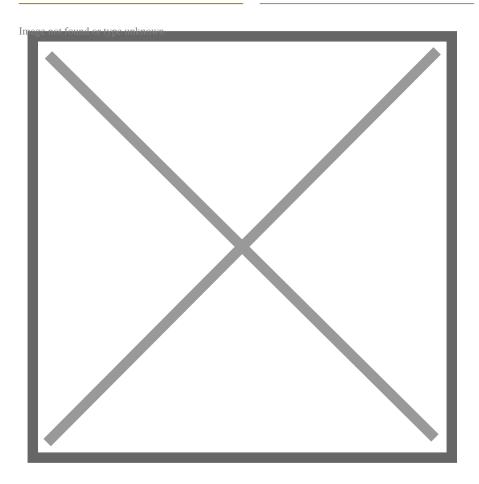


## **OPERA AND RECITALS** / 30TH OPERA SEASON



## Teatro Cervantes

friday 23 november 21.00 h sunday 25 november 19.00 h

Inicio venta 06/11/2018

Prices A **80**€B **60**€C **43**€D **24**€ Usual discounts apply

## **LA TRAVIATA**

Opera in three acts by **Giuseppe Verdi**. Libretto by F.M. Piave, based on *La Dame aux Camelias*, by A. Dumas. First performed at The Fenice of Venice on the 6th of March 1853

Musical production Teatro Cervantes de Malaga Stage production Teatro Villamarta de Jerez de la Frontera

Violetta Valéry AINHOA ARTETA
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Orquesta Filarmonica de Malaga Coro de Opera de Malaga

Stage director Francisco Lopez Chorus director Salvador Vazquez Conductor Jose Maria Moreno



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3.30 h (w/intermission)

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La traviata is the third opera of Guiseppe Verdi's so-called "popular trilogy", together with Rigoletto (1851) and II trovatore (1853). These three operas all have very powerful and original main characters: a hunchback, a murderous gypsy and a prostitute. The three of them are socially marginalised and subject to extreme difficulties, but succeed in recovering their most intimate humanity through pain and love.

Even though Verdi based *La traviata* on a subject taken from classic European literature, the key to its success is much more than just the music. It also stems from the characters' dramatic psychology, which Verdi mastered and extended to the sharp criticism of hypocrisy that dominates the entire text. It is interesting to note the parallelism between the opera's drama and the composer's real life. In 1847, Verdi fell in love with the soprano Giuseppina Strepponi and started living with her. Like Violetta, Strepponi had gone "astray", a traviata mother of two illegitimate children, and like the opera's heroine, was condemned to die of a tuberculosis-type illness. Thus *La traviata* becomes Verdi's private opera, the artistic sublimation of his own relationship.

The action in *La traviata* takes place during the same period in which it was written and performed. Due to censorship, one year after its first performance Verdi had to shift the action to the 18th century in order to avoid any contemporary references, a possible "mirror effect" and catering to the audience's preferences. At present, performances are usually set at the time it was written, like the first performance.

