



Mariage Princier
Monaco Juillet 2011

Saturday 2nd July : programme of the religious wedding ceremony

The wedding mass will be presided by His Excellency Monsignor Bernard Barsi, Archbishop of Monaco, Head Chaplain of the Prince's Palace and will be celebrated by His Excellency Monsignor André Dupuy, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Principality of Monaco, by His Excellency Monsignor Alberto Maria Careggio, Bishop of Ventimiglia - San Remo, by His Excellency René Giuliano, Vicar General and by the whole clergy of Monaco.

The Philharmonic Orchestra of Monaco and the Choir of the Opera of Monte-Carlo, prepared by Stefano Visconti, are placed under the direction of Lawrence Foster.

Renée Fleming, soprano, Pumeza Matshikiza, soprano, Juan Diego Flórez, tenor and Andrea Bocelli, tenor, will exceptionally take part in the ceremony.

The quartet of soloists for the elements of the mass composed by Mozart is made up of Lisa Larsson, soprano, Wiebke Lehmkuhl, alto, Kenneth Tarver, tenor and Alexander Vinogradov, basso.

The Choir of the Cathedral of Monaco and the Little Singers of Monaco are under the direction of Pierre Debat, the Chapel Master of the Cathedral of Monaco and of the Prince's Palace.

The Grand Organ will be played by Olivier Vernet, lead organist at the Cathedral of Monaco.
The Choir Organ will be played by Jean-Cyrille Gandillet.

The different actors of the musical programme

Mr Andrea Bocelli

Mr Andrea Bocelli is an Italian tenor. Born with poor eyesight, he became completely blind at the age of twelve following a football accident. Since winning the Newcomers' section of the Sanremo Music Festival in 1994, he has recorded thirteen solo studio albums, of both pop and classical music, two greatest hits albums, and eight complete operas, selling over 70 million copies worldwide.



Ms Renée Fleming

Ms Renée Fleming is an American soprano specializing in opera and lieder. She has a full lyric soprano voice and has performed coloratura, lyric and spinto soprano repertoires. Her signature roles include Countess Almaviva in Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro, Desdemona in Verdi's Otello, Violetta in Verdi's La traviata, the title role in Dvořák's Rusalka, the title role in Massenet's Manon, the title role in Massenet's Thaïs, the Marschallin in Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier, and the title role in Arabella.



Mr Juan Diego Florez

Mr Juan Diego Flórez is a Peruvian operatic tenor, particularly known for his roles in bel canto operas. In June 2007, he received his country's highest decoration, the *Gran Cruz de la Orden del Sol del Perú*. Since 2001, he has released six solo recital CDs on the Decca label. His latest recording is Gluck's *Orphée et Eurydice*, recorded live in May 2008.

**Ms Pumeza Matshikiza**

Ms Pumeza Matshikiza is a South African lyrical soprano and studied at the University of Cape Town College of Music. She made her Royal Opera, Covent Garden (London) debut as a Flowermaiden in *Parsifal*. Her cover roles there have included *Conception/L'heure Espagnol*, *Donna Elvira/Don Giovanni*, *Adina/L'elisir d'amore* and *Antonia/Les Contes d'Hoffman*.

**Ms Lisa Larsson**

Ms Lisa Larsson is a Swedish soprano. She has performed at La Scala in Milan, at the Opera of Lausanne, at the Komische Oper Berlin and with the Basel Opera Company. She has sung at European festivals such as the Glyndebourne Festival, the Easter festival and the BBC Proms.

**Ms Wiebke Lehmkuhl**

Ms Wiebke Lehmkuhl is a German alto singer. She quickly gained international fame after performances at the Schleswig-Holstein Musikfestival, at the Rheingau Musikfestival, at the Stuttgarter Bachwochen, at the NDR de Hanovre, at the "La Folle Journée" Festival in Nantes and in Tokyo.

**Mr Kenneth Tarver**

Mr Kenneth Tarver is an American tenore di grazia. He has performed in the most prestigious locations, such as the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Wiener Staatsoper, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Staatsoper Unter den Linden, Bayerische Staatsoper, Dresden Semperoper, Gran Teatre del Liceu Barcelona, l'Opéra Comique of Paris, the Teatro Lirico of Trieste, La Monnaie Bruxelles, Metropolitan Opera, Washington and the Teatro San Carlo in Naples.



Mr Alexander Vinogradov

Alexander Vinogradov is a Russian *basso* opera singer. He mainly performs with the Staatsoper Unter den Linden in Berlin. He has also sung at notably the Royal Opera House of Covent Garden, London, the Theatre of Moscow, the Teatro La Fenice in Venice, the Staatsoper Hanover, the Vlaamse Opera in Belgium, the Teatro Real of Madrid and the Opéra National de Paris, as well as other world-famous festivals.



The Philharmonic Orchestra of Monte-Carlo

The Philharmonic Orchestra of Monte-Carlo, founded in 1856, is the main orchestra of the Principality of Monaco. The orchestra organises concerts mainly at the Auditorium Rainier III but also performs at the Salle des Princes of the Grimaldi Forum.



The Little Singers of Monaco

The Little Singers of Monaco are a children's choir supervised by the Choir of the Cathedral of Monaco. The choir, made up of children from the age of nine, regularly tours all around the world.

