



# I DUE FOSCARI

GIUSEPPE VERDI 1813-1901

Plácido Domingo takes on the role of the tragic Francesco Foscari, Doge of Venice, in Verdi's potent and dramatic opera of family loyalties and political intrigue.

Thaddeus Strassberger's powerful setting explores the corruption lurking beneath the opulent display of the Venetian court, with spectacular sets and stunning Renaissance-style costumes designed by Kevin Knight and Mattie Ullrich. Tenor Francesco Meli sings Francesco Foscari's son Jacopo, unjustly accused of treason and forced to appeal to his father's mercy, with soprano Maria Agresta as Jacopo's courageous wife Lucrezia, determined to free him at any cost. Antonio Pappano, Music Director of The Royal Opera, conducts one of Verdi's most striking early scores.

Francesco Foscari **PLÁCIDO DOMINGO\***  
 Jacopo Foscari **FRANCESCO MELI**  
 Lucrezia Contarini **MARIA AGRESTA**  
 Jacopo Loredano **MAURIZIO MURARO**  
 Barbarigo **SAMUEL SAKKER**  
 Pisana **RACHEL KELLY**  
 Fante **LEE HICKENBOTTOM**  
 Servant of the Doge **DOMINIC BARRAND**

**ROYAL OPERA CHORUS**  
 Chorus Director **RENATO BALSADONNA**

**ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**  
 Concert Master **PETER MANNING**

Conductor **ANTONIO PAPPANO†**  
 Director **THADDEUS STRASSBERGER**  
 Set designs **KEVIN KNIGHT**  
 Costume designs **MATTIE ULLRICH**  
 Lighting design **BRUNO POET**

Directed for the screen by  
**JONATHAN HASWELL**

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 Antonio Pappano on the music of *I due Foscari*  
 Cast gallery

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