

VERDI OPERA
Falstaff

50th

Anniversary
Kobe Bunka Hall

The Memorial Opera of the 50th Anniversary of Kobe Bunka Hall

Falstaff

Music by Giuseppe VERDI
Opera in 3 Acts
Sung in Italian with Japanese subtitles

Conductor: Masahiro SATO
Production: Tatsuji IWATA
Chorus: Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus
Orchestra: Kobe City Chamber Orchestra

CAST

Sir John Falstaff: Hiroshi KURODA
Ford: Takeshi NISHIO
Fenton: Yusuke KOBORI
Dr. Cajus: Fumitoshi TANIGUCHI

Bardolfo: Jin FUKUNISHI
Pistola: Osamu MATSUMORI
Mrs. Alice Ford: Yuko OITA
Nannetta: Satomi NAITO

Mrs. Quickly: Sumie FUKUHARA
Mrs. Meg Page: Aiko YAMADA

Saturday, December 21, 2024, 2 PM

(Running time is approx. 3 hours including two intervals)

Kobe Bunka Hall, Main Hall

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To celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2023, Kobe Bunka Hall opens with a new production of Verdi's opera "Falstaff"! Experience the best authentic opera brought to life in Kobe!

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"Falstaff", the final masterpiece of the great composer Giuseppe Verdi, will be performed in a new production by Kobe-born director Tatsuji Iwata. Hiroshi Kuroda, a leading figure in Japan's opera scene, will perform the role of Falstaff, accompanied by a spectacular cast of extraordinary talent. Conducted by music director of the Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus and renowned opera conductor, Masahiro Sato, The Kobe City Chamber Orchestra and Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus bring to you an authentic opera experience.

SYNOPSIS

Falstaff is a comedy based on Shakespeare's famous plays "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Henry IV". The setting is Windsor, England. Falstaff – a knight notorious for his unparalleled love of wine and women, freewheeling lifestyle, and rotund pot belly – sends love letters to two wealthy and beautiful women, Alice and Meg, in an attempt to seduce them. Alice and Meg are furious when they discover that the letters sent to them at the same time are also completely identical. They decide to punish Falstaff by enlisting the help of their friend, Mistress Quickly, and Alice's daughter, Nannetta. Meanwhile, Alice's husband, Ford, learns that Falstaff has sent his wife a love letter and becomes madly jealous.



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Ticket (All seats reserved, tax included)

S 10,000 yen A 8,000 yen B 6,000 yen U25 (25 and under) 1,000 yen

*Entry of pre-school-age children (5 and under) is kindly discouraged.

Tickets available for purchase starting Friday, August 16 for Kobe Bunka Hall
Friendship Society presale tickets / Friday, August 23 for general admission tickets

Box Office: +81-(0)78-351-3349(10:00 - 17:00) Online Ticket: <https://kobe-bunka.tstar.jp/>

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