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PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SPONSORS

opera by definition's PRODUCTION OF MOZART'S COSI FAN TUTTE

Principal Investment Management, the specialist private client investment manager, is to sponsor Mozart's 'Così fan Tutte,' which is being performed in English by the 'opera by definition' company at the Opera House in Tunbridge Wells, February of next year. Principal has offices in Sevenoaks, Bath and London, and manages almost exclusively discretionary portfolios for a wide range of clients, and sees sponsoring the event as the perfect opportunity to put something back into the community of Kent.

Anne Gilbert, Principal's Managing Director comments: "As well as our Head Office, we also have many clients based in and around Kent, and we have a proud record of supporting community and charity activities in our local area. We are therefore delighted to be sponsoring this production. What 'opera by definition' do is in essence very similar to how we operate as a company for our clients – making something that is quite complex, into something clear and understandable!"

The historic Opera House in Tunbridge Wells will provide a stunning venue for the production. It is a grade II listed building, and a unique venue for J D Wetherspoon, who, along with Principal, are also in partnership with 'opera by definition'.

“We have supported the work of ‘opera by definition’ for a number of years, because we value the way they bring Opera to a wider community audience.” adds Anne of Principal. “It really will be a terrific few days.”

‘Così fan Tutte’ is without doubt Mozart’s most popular and enduring opera containing some of his most glorious music which will be brought alive by singers who have sung with Glyndebourne Festival & Touring Opera, English National Opera, English Touring Opera and other European opera houses. The ‘Opera by Definition’ orchestra is made up of players who regularly appear with The Royal Philharmonic, The London Philharmonic and BBC Symphony Orchestras.

This two-act comic opera story revolves around a wager between two young friends, Ferrando and Guglielmo and their friend, Don Alfonso, about the loyalty of their girlfriends Fiordiligi and Dorabella. Don Alfonso bets that their girlfriends will be unfaithful to them and hatches a plan for Ferrando and Guglielmo to pretend to go off to war, return disguised and try to date each other’s friends all with the help of their maid Despina. Fiordiligi and Dorabella fall for the deception and so this comic tale unfolds.

Performances are on February 5th, 6th, & 7th. For further information please visit www.operabydefinition.co.uk.

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Principal specialise in discretionary portfolio management for private individuals, family trusts and smaller corporate clients

Opera by Definition

Opera by Definition presents a developing range of opera productions, ranging in scale from intimate to grand, and in period from baroque to modern. The common characteristics of all its productions are quality and excellence. The company employs exceptionally talented singers, musicians and designers, has a committed chorus and in addition enjoys the benefit of marketing, financial and technical expertise.