

More this season at  
**The Jerusalem Opera:**

## RIGOLETTO

by Verdi

One of Verdi's most famous operas. A heart-rending story of love, curse and vengeance, of a devoted father and a young and innocent daughter who sacrifices herself in the name of love. This production of "Rigoletto" in Jerusalem symbolically marks the 100th anniversary of the first rendition of this opera in Israel and Jerusalem, which took place in 1919 in the historic and mythological "Zion" movie theatre in Jerusalem.

Stage Director - **Gabriele Ribis**.

**Omer Arieli** will conduct the **Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra**, with the Israeli Gary Bertini Choir

December 5 and December 7, 2019 at the Jerusalem Theatre, Sherover Hall and December 9, 2019 at the Ashdod Centre for the Performing Arts.

## L'ELISIR D'AMORE

by Donizetti

One of the most beautiful operas ever composed in the Bel Canto era, a melodrama giocoso (playful melodrama) with unique narrative and musical concepts. In this production, the Italian stage director **Enzo Iorio** creates the image of a rustic world from his childhood, inspired by the movie "Riso Amaro" ("Bitter Rice") by **Giuseppe De Santis**.

A rural scene: sheaves of wheat, bales of hay, farmers, the neigh of the donkey, the din of farm machinery, the village simpleton, moonlight strolls and the smells of the farmland in deep summer. Images of hard work and love, that could be in any countryside anywhere in the world.

Hurrah for wine and hurrah for love!

**Omer Arieli** will conduct the **Israel Sinfonietta Beer Sheva** after conducting the production in Italy in July 2019.

Premiering in Beer Sheva, at the Performing Arts Center on February 22, 2020, and in Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Theatre, Sherover Hall, on February 24, 2020.