



## **ENO EXTENDS MADAM BUTTERFLY BOOKING PERIOD TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND**

Due to public demand for ANTHONY MINGHELLA's new production of *Madam Butterfly*, which has already taken **in excess of £1m at the box office** and is selling out fast, English National Opera (ENO) has decided to bring forward booking for the eight performances scheduled for Summer 2006 in the ENO Sky Artsworld 2005/06 Season. Tickets for these performances will go on sale on **Monday 14 November**.

This unprecedented step for ENO has been taken because the Company wishes to satisfy customers who are unable to obtain their preferred choice of seats during the present run and wish to secure tickets in advance for the Summer revival.

As previously announced, *Madam Butterfly* returns for the eight further performances on 26 April, conducted by ENO's new Music Director OLEG CAETANI, with JANICE WATSON in the title role and DAVID KEMPSTER as Sharpless. GWYN HUGHES JONES as Pinkerton and JEAN RIGBY as Suzuki both return to the roles they are currently performing.

*Madam Butterfly* is a co-production with the **Metropolitan Opera**, New York, and **Lithuanian National Opera** and is **supported by Lord and Lady Laidlaw and Lesley and Ella Knox**.

### **Notes to Editors:**

- **Remaining performances of *Madam Butterfly* in repertory this autumn:** 11, 15, 18, 23, 25, 30 November; 2, 7, 9, 13 December. **A limited number of seats available.**
- **Eight further performances go on sale from Monday 14 November:** 26 April; 5, 10, 12, 16, 25, 27, 31 May 2006.
- There will be a **Royal Gala Performance** of *Madam Butterfly* on **16 December** in aid of The Prince's Trust and ENO Young Singers Programme in the presence of **Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall**.
- **Box Office 0870 145 0200 or visit [www.eno.org/madambutterfly](http://www.eno.org/madambutterfly) Tickets from £10.00** (Note: special prices apply 16 Dec Gala)

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