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San Diego Opera *Nabucco* Cast Change Announcement:

*American baritone Richard Paul Fink returns to San Diego Opera,
replacing Željko Lučić*

San Diego, CA –San Diego Opera’s General Director and Artistic Director, Ian Campbell, announced today that Serbian baritone Željko Lučić has withdrawn from his engagement in the title role of *Nabucco* for private and personal reasons.

“Željko was looking forward to his debut with the Company and feels terrible about withdrawing. He apologizes to our patrons for his inability to appear,” Campbell said. “We sometimes forget that opera singers are human and other factors can make it impossible to rehearse and perform. Fortunately, Richard Paul Fink is available to begin rehearsals with the cast next Monday as scheduled.”

The international career of American baritone Richard Paul Fink has taken him to The Metropolitan Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Paris Opéra-Bastille, The Salzburg Festival, Teatro Municipal in Chile, San Francisco Opera, Houston Grand Opera and San Francisco Opera, among others. His roles include the title roles in *Macbeth* and *Rigoletto*, as well as Scarpia in *Tosca*, Amonasro in *Aida*, Alberich in Wagner’s *Ring Cycle*, Kurwenal in Wagner’s *Tristan und Isolde* and John Teller in *Doctor Atomic*.

“Since his last appearances for San Diego Opera in *Carmen*, *Eugene Onegin* and *The Merry Widow*, Richard has established himself as one of America’s finest baritones, and it is wonderful to have him back with us,” adds Campbell. “He joins Sylvie Valayre as Abigaille, and Raymond Aceto as Zaccaria. With Edoardo Müller’s conducting and Lotfi Mansouri’s direction, this is certain to be an exciting evening in the theatre.”

Verdi’s *Nabucco* opens February 20, 2010 for four performances.

Nabucco performance Schedule

Saturday	February 20, 2010	7 PM
Tuesday	February 23, 2010	7 PM
Friday	February 26, 2010	8 PM
Sunday	February 28, 2010	2 PM

Purchasing Tickets

Three and four-opera subscriptions for the 2010 International Season are now available. Regular subscriptions range from \$90 - \$720 (some Saturday subscriptions slightly higher) and can be purchased by calling (619) 533-7000 or online at www.sdopera.com. Senior citizen discount packages are available for full-season Tuesday night subscribers. Call (619) 533-7000 for more information.

For information about single ticket availability and prices please visit www.sdopera.com, or call (619) 533-7000 to speak to an opera representative.

The 2010 International Season

<i>La bohème</i>	Giacomo Puccini	January 30, February 2, 5 and 7 (mat), 2010
<i>Nabucco</i>	Giuseppe Verdi	February 20, 23, 26 and 28 (mat), 2010
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Charles Gounod	March 13, 16, 19 and 21 (mat), 2010
<i>La traviata</i>	Giuseppe Verdi	April 17, 20, 23 and 25 (mat), 2010

General Information

A widely respected member of the international opera community, *San Diego Opera* brings the world's finest artists to San Diego. Founded in 1965, and led for the last 26 years by General Director and Artistic Director Ian D. Campbell, San Diego Opera produces performances of the highest artistic quality while remaining financially stable.

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