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LA Opera Presents the Company Premiere of

## **Luisa Fernanda**

Directed by **Emilio Sagi**, Conducted by Zarzuela Master **Miguel Roa**  
Starring **Plácido Domingo**

**What:** Eli and Edythe Broad General Director Plácido Domingo announces LA Opera's company premiere of Luisa Fernanda. A love story steeped in politics, composer **Federico Moreno Torroba's Luisa Fernanda** is set in Spain, 1868. Queen Isabel II reigns, and the revolutionaries are plotting a rebellion to overthrow the monarchy. Luisa Fernanda is engaged to Javier, who has just been named a colonel in the Queen's army. At an inn, Mariana the innkeeper introduces Luisa to the flirtatious Vidal Hernando, who enlists to overthrow the monarchy to impress Luisa. When the rebellion succeeds, Javier is imprisoned, and Vidal wins Luisa's love and her hand in marriage. But Luisa's heart still flutters and before the conclusion, she must find closure with Javier.

**Who:** **Plácido Domingo** stars in this zarzuela, a work close to his heart, as the generous Vidal Hernando, willing to give up the woman he adores to protect her happiness. Luisa Fernanda also stars **María José Montiel** in the title role, **Antonio Gandia** as Javier, **Elena de Merced** as Carolina, **Suzanna Guzmán** as Mariana, **Federico Gallar** as Don Nogales, **Camille Zamorra** as Rosita, **Daniel Montenegro** as Anibal, **Valeriano Lanchas** as Don Florito, **David Robinson** as Vendedor, **Gregorio Gonzalez** as Bizco Porrás and **David Lomeli** as El Saboyano. Director **Emilio Sagi** captures the authentic spirit of this simple and yet sophisticated masterwork of popular Spanish musical theater, charmingly sentimental and filled with lively tunes, in which a tangled love triangle leads to an unexpectedly heart-tugging conclusion. The production is conducted by zarzuela specialist **Miguel Roa**.

**When:** Opening Night Sunday, June 3, 7:30pm

Evening Performances June 5, 6, 12, 14, 16 at 7:30pm;

Matinee Performances June 9, 10 at 2:00pm

**Where:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center, 135 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**Tickets:** Tickets to **Luisa Fernanda** range from \$30 to \$220, and are on sale at the LA Opera Box Office, by phone at (213) 972-8001 or online at [www.laopera.com](http://www.laopera.com). For disability access, call (213) 972-0777 or e-mail [wehelpyou@laopera.com](mailto:wehelpyou@laopera.com).

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Luisa Fernanda will be sung in Spanish with English supertitles projected above the stage. Luisa Fernanda is a co-production with Teatro Real, Madrid and Washington National Opera

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