



## PRESS INFORMATION

# CHANGE OF ARTISTS IN OPENING CONCERTS

**Hamburg, 20 December 2016: Anja Harteros and Jonas Kaufmann have regretfully withdrawn from their appearances in the Grand Opening concerts of the Elbphilharmonie on 11 and 12 January 2017.**

**Anja Harteros** has unfortunately been forced to withdraw from her appearance in the **Grand Opening concerts of the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg**. We are delighted that **Camilla Tilling** has agreed to sing the soprano part for both concerts on 11 and 12 January 2017.

**Camilla Tilling** is praised for her clear, warm and elegant soprano voice, and for her musical versatility. She is a regular guest with the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester: her first appearance was at Thomas Hengelbrock's inaugural concert as Principal Conductor in September 2011; her latest guest appearance was one year ago side by side with Christina Landshamer, Christian Gerhaher und other acclaimed soloists in Robert Schumann's »Scenes from Goethe's Faust«.

More about Camilla Tilling: [www.harrisonparrott.com/artist/profile/camilla-tilling](http://www.harrisonparrott.com/artist/profile/camilla-tilling)

**Jonas Kaufmann** has regretfully withdrawn from his appearances in the **Grand Opening concerts of the Elbphilharmonie** on 11 and 12 January 2017. Following the advice of his doctor, Kaufmann has made the difficult decision to postpone his return to the stage, so that he can fully recover from illness. In the second half of January, Kaufmann appears in »Lohengrin« at the Opéra de Paris.

We thank **Pavol Breslik** for graciously agreeing to step in for Mr Kaufmann. Breslik will perform the tenor part in the world premiere of **Wolfgang Rihm's composition »Reminiszenz«** at the opening concerts of the Elbphilharmonie on 11 and 12 January and appears as planned during the Elbphilharmonie Opening Festival in **Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's »Lobgesang«** with the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester on 15 January.

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