

**PRESS RELEASE**

**7 July 2011**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Istanbul Opera Festival continues with a magnificent concert under the sponsorship of DenizBank:**

## **Globally Known Mezzosoprano Elina Garanca is in Istanbul**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Istanbul Opera Festival** which is sponsored by **DenizBank** which acts with the mission to support Turkey's cultural and artistic life and organized by the **Directorate General of State Opera and Ballet** continues. The surprise of the festival will be the Gala Concert by the globally known mezzosoprano Elina Garanca. Garanca will meet art lovers in Hagia Irene on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday evening.

The famous artist will be accompanied by the Istanbul State Opera and Ballet's orchestra. Her spouse, Karel Marc Chichon will be the maestro. Important names of international music arena will be on stage as guest artists together with Turkish and foreign artists.

Festival tickets are available between TL 20-300 at Biletix.

## FESTIVAL PROGRAM

### DATE

1 July 2011  
2 - 3 July 2011  
4 July 2011  
6-7 July 2011  
8-9-10-11-12 July 2011  
13 July 2011  
15-16-17 July 2011  
18-19-20 July 2011  
21 July 2011

### PERFORMANCE

Fatih Sultan Mehmet  
Murat IV  
Tosca  
Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny  
The Abduction from the Seraglio  
Elina Garanca Gala Concert  
Aşk-ı Memnu (The Forbidden Love)  
Zaide  
The Italian Girl in Algiers

### VENUE

Cemil Topuzlu Open Air Theater  
Topkapı Palace  
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Rumelian Castle  
Yıldız Palace  
Hagia Irene  
Yıldız Palace  
Topkapı Palace  
Sütlüce Congress Center