



Giuseppe Verdi  
**FALSTAFF**  
*opera in three acts*  
*libretto by Arrigo Boito*  
Conductor  
**Paolo Arrivabeni**  
Director  
**Stefano Poda**

LIEGE  
*péra*  
ROYAL DE WALLONIE  
Centre lyrique de la Communauté française de Belgique

**HD**



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From Teatro of Opéra Royal de Wallonie

Sir John Falstaff  
Ford  
Mrs Alice Ford  
Nannetta  
Fenton  
Mistress Quickly  
Mrs Meg Page  
Dr Caius  
Bardolfo  
Pistola

Ruggero Raimondi  
Luca Salsi  
Virginia Tola  
Sabina Puértolas  
Tiberius Simu  
Cinzia De Mola  
Liliana Mattei  
Gregory Bonfatti  
Pietro Picone  
Luciano Montanaro

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**Paolo Arrivabeni**  
Director  
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Set, light and costume designer: **Stefano Poda**

**Orchestra and Chorus of OPÉRA ROYAL DE WALLONIE**  
Chorus master: **Marcel Seminara**

Video Director:  
**Matteo Ricchetti**

Filmed in 16:9 HD  
Recorded in March 2009  
Duration 170 min. approx  
Sung in Italian  
Subtitles ITA-ENG-TED-FRA-SPA

The paunch, old Sir John Falstaff, lodged with his servants Bardolph and Pistola at the Garter Inn, is planning to conquer two beautiful, wealthy ladies - Alice Ford and Meg Page. To do so he sends them identical love letters. Alice and Meg, outraged but also amused, plan in turn, together with Mistress Quickly and Nannetta (Alice's daughter, who is in love with the young Fenton), a prank on the impudent knight; one that will stop him once and for all from wanting to play the passionate suitor. Also Master Ford, who has been informed by Falstaff's servants of their master's intentions, prepares his weapons, planning, unknown to the ladies, a prank of his own. In the end Alice reveals the truth to her husband and, after a series of unforeseeable coups de théâtre, all get together to play a last, spectacular practical joke on Falstaff.

To interpret the title role, Ruggero Raimondi, an exceptional artist for power and colour of voice, as well as for the energy he infuses into his performances, returns to Liège to inaugurate the Palais Opéra.



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