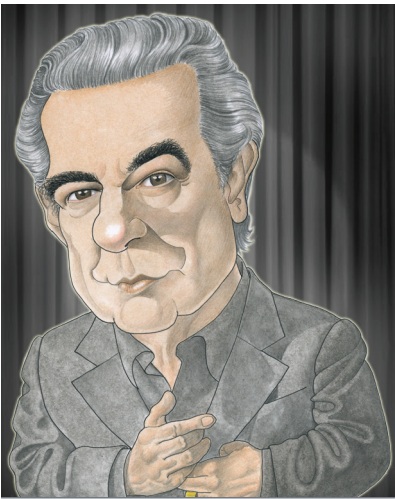


Placido Domingo turns 70



■ **1941:** Born Jan 21, Madrid, Spain; moves with family to Mexico at age 8

■ **1961:** Operatic debut as Alfredo in *La Traviata* at Monterrey, followed by U.S. debut in *Lucia di Lammermoor*

■ **1968:** First role at New York Met, in *Adriana Lecouvreur*

■ **1970s:** Performs at major opera houses and festivals worldwide

■ **1985:** Helps rescue survivors after Mexico City earthquake. Benefit concerts raise huge sums in aid

■ **1990:** Three Tenors – performs with *Luciano Pavarotti* and *Jose Carreras* on eve of World Cup Final

■ **2009:** Sings first major baritone role, as *Simon Boccanegra*

■ **Jan 21, 2011:** Sings role of Oreste in Gluck's *Iphigenie en Tauride* in Madrid on 70th birthday