

OA launches NYE Opera Gala on Cockatoo Island to ring-in 2022 in style



Opera Australia has added another outdoor spectacular to its program, today announcing the inaugural New Year's Eve Opera Gala on Cockatoo Island.

The Cockatoo Island event is in addition to OA's annual NYE opera performance in the Joan Sutherland Theatre in the Sydney Opera House.

The new outdoor event is giving visitors and Sydneysiders even more reason to come out and kick-up their heels after months of lockdowns and COVID-19 restrictions.

"We've all been starved of live entertainment so we're inviting everyone to come and celebrate New Year's Eve with us, to say farewell to 2021 and its lockdowns, and embrace the beginning of a fresh and invigorating new year," said OA's Artistic Director Lyndon Terracini.

Guests are spoilt for choice with two of the best vantage points in the city to see Sydney's internationally famous NYE fireworks display on offer, along with world-class performances, five-star hospitality and glamorous parties.

NYE Opera Gala on Cockatoo Island will present some of the country's finest performers for a two-hour concert of opera classics under the stars, hosted by the irreverent Jonathan Biggins. Tahu Matheson will conduct a full orchestra and an all-star cast of singers including Stacey Alleaume, Natalie Aroyan, Chanyang Choi, Diego Torre and Luke Gabbedy.

Tickets include pre-booked ferry transfers and a ticket to the performance with the option of adding a 3-course pre-performance dinner, interval drinks and the post-show midnight party to their booking. Alternatively more casual food and beverage options will also be available.

NYE Opera Gala on Cockatoo Island is presented in collaboration with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

For those looking for a more traditional experience, Opera Australia's annual **NYE festivities at the Sydney Opera House** will include a lavish production of Puccini's *La Bohème* in the Joan Sutherland Theatre. Italian maestro Lorenzo Passerini conducts the Opera Australia Orchestra and a cast of exceptional singers as they perform the much-loved bohemian tale of four friends navigating their way through their shared experiences of ecstasy, jealousy and loss.

With interval timed to coincide with the 9pm fireworks and the opera finishing in time for the midnight show, there is no better front row seat than the Sydney Opera House's northern foyer to watch the world-famous fireworks as they light up the night sky and the iconic Harbour Bridge.

Guests can make their NYE extra memorable by adding a pre-performance dinner and midnight party to their opera ticket. The pre-performance dinner features champagne on arrival and a gourmet three-course meal matched with premium wines. The midnight party kicks off after the performance, offering live music, canapés and beverages that will see partygoers well into 2022.

No other city celebrates New Year's Eve like Sydney and there's nowhere else to be this year than on Sydney Harbour with Opera Australia.



Performance Information

NYE Opera Gala on Cockatoo Island

8pm (with earlier transport) | Cockatoo Island

2hrs, 30minutes including one interval

Tickets

Tickets from \$399 + \$8.50 transaction fee
Ferry fee included in all prices.

Pre-Performance Dinner | \$499pp | 5:00pm | Turbine Hall

Dine on a three-course menu, matched with premium wines.

Price does not include performance ticket

Midnight Party | \$419pp | commences at the conclusion of the performance

Canapés, beverages and live entertainment.

Price does not include performance ticket

Platinum Package | \$1,717pp

Pre-performance dinner and midnight party, Platinum seats at the performance, and a glass of champagne at interval.

Price includes performance ticket

Bookings

Opera Australia Box Office | +61 2 9318 8200 | opera.org.au/nye

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NYE at Sydney Opera House - La Bohème

7:45pm | Joan Sutherland Theatre

2hrs, 15minutes including one interval

Tickets

Tickets from \$242 + \$8.50 transaction fee

Pre-Performance Dinner | \$399pp | 5:30pm | Northern Foyer

Look out over Sydney Harbour as you dine on a three-course menu, matched with premium wines.

Price does not include performance ticket

Midnight Party | \$349pp | commences at the conclusion of the performance | Northern Foyer

Canapés, beverages and live entertainment.

Price does not include performance ticket

Platinum Package | \$1,422pp

Pre-performance dinner and midnight party, Platinum seats at the performance, and a glass of champagne at interval.

Price includes performance ticket