

MEDIA RELEASE

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The L Plates of Opera: Puccini, Bizet, Verdi & more!**Feel like you don't know your Bizet from your Verdi? Your Turandot from your Rigoletto?**

Then Opera Australia's Great Opera Hits is for you.

A perfect test drive of the world's most famous arias, the concert introduces novices to the vast world of opera through familiar tunes.

Musical masterpieces by history's greatest composers, including Bizet, Puccini, Rossini and Verdi, are showcased in a relaxed and at times irreverent, 90-minute concert – an ideal first-time experience of the impact and atmosphere of live opera performance.

From Pretty Women wannabes to Star Trekkies, many people may be more familiar with opera than they think, recognising tunes from their favourite TV shows or fast-food and pasta ads.

Celebrated conductor Brian Castles-Onion AM who plays host and pianist, will captivate and guide audiences through the world of opera with his light-hearted, witty charm.

Each performance will feature a combination of four of OA's finest principal artists: sopranos Petah Chapman, Sophie Salvesani and Anne-Louise Cole, mezzosoprano Sian Sharp and Chanyang Choi, tenors Simon Kim and Thomas Strong, and baritone Luke Gabbedy and Alexander Sefton.

Performed under the iconic sails of the Sydney Opera House, share the magic of experiencing an unforgettable evening listening to opera's finest on a world-renowned stage

Watch the trailer for a sneak peek [here](#)

Performance Information**Evenings at 5:00pm**

December 26, 27, 28

January 9, 23, 30

February 13

March 6, 20

Evenings at 7:30pm

January 14

Running Time

Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes including
1 x 20-minute interval

Bookings

Adult tickets from \$69 (fees may apply).

Concession prices available.

Opera Australia Box Office (02) 9318 8200

<https://opera.org.au/productions/great-opera-hits>

Sydney Opera House, Joan Sutherland Theatre

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