

Angelina Thomson joins star-studded cast of *Guys & Dolls* musical on Sydney Harbour



Opera Australia has announced Angelina Thomson will play Miss Adelaide in its brand-new production of award-winning Broadway musical *Guys & Dolls* when it opens at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour on 21 March.

After an extensive nationwide search to find just the right performer who had the voice, the dance moves and the comedy chops to bring to the role, Director Shaun Rennie is looking forward to getting started on rehearsals with his cast now complete.

“Miss Adelaide requires a fantastic voice to sing iconic songs like “Adelaide’s Lament” and “Take Back Your Mink”, she also needs to dance, be incredibly charismatic, and have enormous heart. Audiences need to fall in love with Adelaide and I know Angelina has all the qualities we’ve been looking for,” Rennie said.

“Angelina will be joining a fantastically talented cast of Australian performers as well as a superb ensemble that showcases some of the best singers and dancers in the country,” Rennie added.

Known to her fans as Kirby on *Home & Away*, Angelina previously performed at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour in the ensemble of *West Side Story* in 2019. This will be her first leading role on the iconic over-water stage.

“Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour is without a doubt one of my favourite events of the year. To return to the stage in a leading role at this iconic Sydney venue is a pinch-me moment!” Thomson said.

Angelina joins previously announced stars Cody Simpson, Annie Aitken, Bobby Fox and Jason Arrow in what will be the first musical comedy performed at the harbourside event as well as the first major production of *Guys & Dolls* in Australia in a decade.

Guys & Dolls on Sydney Harbour promises a night of fun, fabulous singing and a host of show-stopping dance numbers such as ‘Luck Be a Lady’ and ‘Sit Down You’re Rockin’ the Boat’, all set on a larger-than-life slice of New York City designed by Brian Thomson with costumes by Jennifer Irwin.

With music by Frank Loesser and book by Joe Swerling and Abe Burrows, *Guys & Dolls* is regarded as one of the finest musicals ever written and has enjoyed huge success since its premiere on Broadway in 1950, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the adaptation to a Hollywood film in 1955 starring Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando, to its most recent smash-hit revival on the West End.

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Creatives

Director **Shaun Rennie**
Musical Director & Supervisor **Guy Simpson**
Choreographer **Kelley Abbey**
Set Designer **Brian Thomson**
Costume Designer **Jennifer Irwin**
Sound Design **Jim Atkins**

Cast

Sky Masterton **Cody Simpson**
Sarah Brown **Annie Aitken**
Nathan Detroit **Bobby Fox**
Miss Adelaide **Angelina Thomson**
Nicely-Nicely Johnson **Jason Arrow**
Benny Southstreet **Joel Granger**
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Ensemble:

Rachel Breeze, Scarlet Lindsay, Sienna Embrey
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Emma Feliciano, Isabella Roberts,
Sarah Bourke, Sophie Zidar, Matthew Hearne,
Paul Whiteley, Matt Douglass, Lachlan Dearing,
Bronson Pfeiler, Zac de Gersigny,
Rania Potaka-Osborne, Billy Wilson, Nic Collins,
Julian Seguna

Swings:

Ewan Herdman, Michelle Leung

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Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour
Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquaries Point

Performance dates

21 March – 20 April
Evenings 7:30pm
Excluding Mondays and Good Friday on 18 April

Bookings

Adult tickets from \$79 (fees may apply)
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