

## Opera Australia to livestream its critically acclaimed production of *AIDA* for free this December

**LIVE: 11 December 2023** | Available worldwide



Opera Australia (OA) today announced its critically acclaimed digital production of *Aida* will be streamed from Brisbane in real time on **11 December from 7.00pm AEST** (8:00pm for NSW, Vic and Tas, 7:30pm in SA, 6:30pm in NT, 5:00pm in WA) and remain available to watch on-demand for two weeks following the broadcast.

Both the livestream and on-demand video will be available for free in Australia and around the world, with a free pre-registration and further information about how to access the stream on the Opera Australia website.

For a full surround-sound, in-theatre experience the livestream is being screened at the Townsville Civic Theatre on 11 December, presented in partnership with Tourism and Events Queensland and Opera Queensland. To secure a seat at this one-time only event, bookings can be made via the Opera Australia website with a small booking fee required.

The stream will be hosted by **Revival Director Shaun Rennie** and **Australian soprano Jane Ede**, with special guests appearing pre-show and during the interval, providing greater insights into Verdi's famous *Aida* and the world of opera.

"Increased access to world-class opera performance is a priority for Opera Australia. This is an exciting way for us to share opera of such scale and complexity with audiences beyond the city in which we are currently performing," said CEO Fiona Allan.

"This production of *Aida* was groundbreaking when it premiered - the first to incorporate such highly sophisticated digital technologies into sets and staging, so it's fitting that it will now be viewed by people everywhere on a digital platform. I'm sure audiences will be wowed by the spectacle and our brilliant cast."

The production has been a smash-hit since its premiere in 2018, playing to five-star reviews and ecstatic packed houses.

*"A captivating cinematic experience that fuses live performance and video. ★★★★★"* **Time Out**

Directed by Davide Livermore *Aida* features breathtaking choreography, striking costumes and stunning visual imagery.

The cast stars Australian-Armenian soprano Natalie Aroyan opposite OA favourite Diego Torre and sees the return of international guests, soprano Elena Gabouri and bass Alexander Vinogradov, who will both reprise their acclaimed roles from previous *Aida* seasons.

Italian Maestro Lorenzo Passerini will conduct, leading the Opera Australia Chorus, joined by members of the Opera Queensland Chorus and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Co-presented by OA and Opera Queensland, the Brisbane season of *Aida* has seen strong sales, with almost 90% of tickets already sold before opening night on 6 December at the Lyric Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

*Aida* is proudly supported by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland.  
 “As magnificent, jaw-dropping, gasp-enticing and lavish a staging as you can imagine.” **The AU Review**

**Creatives**

Conductor **Lorenzo Passerini**  
 Director & Choreographer **Davide Livermore**  
 Revival Director **Shaun Rennie**  
 Revival Choreographer **Allie Graham**  
 Set Designer **Giò Forma**  
 Costume Designer **Gianluca Falaschi**  
 Lighting Designer **John Rayment**  
 Digital Content Designer **D-Wok**

Livestream Hosts **Shaun Rennie, Jane Ede**

**Cast**

Aida **Natalie Aroyan**  
 Amneris **Elena Gabouri**  
 Radamès **Diego Torre**  
 Amonasro **Michael Honeyman**  
 Ramfis **Alexander Vinogradov**  
 The King **Conal Coad**  
 High Priestess **Jennifer Black**  
 Messenger **Dean Bassett**

**Opera Australia Chorus**  
**Opera Queensland Chorus**  
**Queensland Symphony Orchestra**

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**Performance information**

**11 December, from 7.00pm AEST**

**Running time**

Approximately 2 hours and 50 minutes including one interval

Performed in Italian with English surtitles

This production of *Aida* contains partial nudity and bright lighting effects during Act 3.

Presented by Opera Australia & Opera Queensland.

**Bookings**

Sign up for further info on free access to *Aida* livestream and on-demand video via [opera.org.au/aida-stream](http://opera.org.au/aida-stream)

Townsville Civic Theatre, livestream screening of *Aida*, \$4.10 booking fee required to secure a seat at this event. Bookings can be made via [opera.org.au/aida-stream](http://opera.org.au/aida-stream)

Performed at:  
**Lyric Theatre**  
**Queensland Performing Arts Centre**



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