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Iconic musical *West Side Story* returns to spectacular Sydney Harbour stage



Regularly voted one of the top five greatest musicals of all time, *West Side Story* returns to the spectacular Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour over-water stage this March.

Visitors will have the opportunity to experience this smash-hit musical in a unique open-air setting like no other, with the city lights, Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House creating a dazzling backdrop.

A slice of New York City's gritty backstreets and urban gang culture will be recreated on the outdoor stage, two and a half times larger than any theatre in Australia, when this critically acclaimed production returns on 22 March for a limited four-week season until 21 April 2024.

Firmly established as a 'must-see' event, Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour delivers a quintessential Sydney experience. World class entertainment in a uniquely Australian setting with nightly fireworks, stunning views of Sydney's skyline and world famous landmarks complete the vista.

In addition to the pop-up stage and grandstand seating for 3,000, the custom-built site offers an impressive range of themed dining and drinking options that make the most of the magnificent views.

The HSBC Platinum Club – a dining room, bar and lounge set amongst the tree tops – offers fine dining before the show, and drinks at interval. Dinner and show packages are available with variable components that include a three-course dinner, interval drinks, program and performance. The HSBC Platinum Club can also be booked privately for groups and corporate entertaining.

And to arrive in style, guests can catch a Water Taxi to the site, which picks up at Man o' War Steps at the Opera House and drops off at Andrew Boy Charlton pool, just a short walk to the site entrance.

Travel packages are available from a number of tour operators including HelloWorld (AU), Down Under Answers (USA), House of Travel (NZ) and Dial-A-Flight, offering planned itineraries and discounts on accommodation, dining, and other iconic Sydney experiences with the purchase of a show ticket. Or visit Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour's Official Hotel Partner [Pullman Quay Grand Sydney Harbour](#).

HelloWorld packages from \$545pp twin share: [Discover Deals Details Page \(helloworld.com.au\)](#)

NZ: House of Travel, [West Side Story on Sydney Harbour- Darling Harbour Hotels - Hot Deal - House of Travel](#)

US: Down Under Answers, [Broadway on Sydney Harbour - Great Sydney Vacation Experience | Down Under Answers | DUA Travel](#)

UK: Dial-A-Flight, [Sydney flights and holidays. Bigger choice and better value luxury hotels from DialAFlight](#)

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CAST**Maria** Nina Korbe**Tony** Billy BouchierFull cast details can be found [here](#)**CREATIVES****Director** Francesca Zambello**Musical Director** Guy Simpson**Associate Director** Eric Sean Fogel**Revival Choreographer** Kiira Schmidt Carper**Set Design** Brian Thomson**Costume Design** Jennifer Irwin**Lighting Design** John Rayment**Sound Design** Des O'Neill**PERFORMANCE DATES**

22 March – 21 April 2024

Excluding Mondays and Good Friday on 29 March

Performed in English

WEST SIDE STORY

Based on a concept of JEROME ROBBINS

Book by

ARTHUR LAURENTS

Music by

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Lyrics by

STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Entire Original Production Directed and Choreographed by
JEROME ROBBINSOriginally produced on Broadway by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince
By Arrangement with Roger L. Stevens

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BOOKINGS

Single adult tickets from \$79 (fees may apply)

Group and concession prices available for most performances.

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