

# Triumphant *Guys & Dolls* opens on Sydney Harbour



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A brand-new production of the Broadway classic musical *Guys & Dolls* opened tonight with a full house and thunderous applause echoing across Sydney Harbour, where it will play under the stars for a strictly limited 4-week season at Mrs Macquaries Point.

A glamorous, star-studded opening night crowd buzzed with anticipation as they ascended the Red Carpet and caught their first glimpse of the impressive overwater stage and world class views of Sydney's dazzling harbour.

Audiences were wowed by **Cody Simpson** as the suave Sky Masterson, matched by the vocally splendid **Annie Aitkin** as Sarah Brown. **Bobby Fox** as Nathan Detroit and **Angelina Thomson** as Miss Adelaide also delighted the rapturous crowd. **Jason Arrow** as Nice-Nicely Johnson performed a show-stopping rendition of 'Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat', a tune that kept everyone's toes tapping well into the wee hours.

The classic production has been entirely refreshed, and super-sized, under the direction of award-winning **Shaun Rennie** with all new orchestrations by **Jack Earle** Musical Director **Guy Simpson**, who conducted the performance, giving the well-known tunes extra spark and vitality.

Surprising elements of the larger-than-life set by designer **Brian Thomson** unfolded throughout the night, including the giant centrepiece New York City yellow taxi, which transformed into a variety of different scenes throughout the show.

In a magical twist, the Opera Australia Orchestra have been released from their usual subterranean location below the stage, putting them on display in a purpose-built, fully enclosed sky-deck for the very first time in the event's 14 year history.

Choreographer **Kelley Abbey**'s all new dance moves sparkled across the stage as some of Australia's best singers and dancers, performed a host of Broadway bangers, including 'Take Back Your Mink' and 'Luck Be a Lady', lavishly costumed by designer **Jennifer Irwin**,

Regarded as one of the finest musicals ever written *Guys & Dolls* has enjoyed huge success since its premiere on Broadway in 1950, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

From its adaptation to a Hollywood film in 1955 starring Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando, to Sydney Harbour's latest smash hit production, *Guys & Dolls* continues to prove its timeless appeal as a classic musical theatre favourite.

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# GUYS AND DOLLS

A Musical Fable of Broadway

Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by  
**FRANK LOESSER**

Book by  
**JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS**

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## Creatives

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

## Ensemble:

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

## Cast

Sky Masterson **Cody Simpson**  
Sarah Brown **Annie Aitken**  
Nathan Detroit **Bobby Fox**  
Miss Adelaide **Angelina Thomson**  
Nicely-Nicely Johnson **Jason Arrow**  
Benny Southstreet **Joel Granger**  
Rusty Charlie **Kieran McGrath**  
Harry the Horse **John Xintavelonis**  
Big Jule **Doron Chester**  
Arvide Abernathy **Tony McGill**  
Lt Brannigan **Thomas Campbell**  
General Matilda B. Cartwright **Naomi Livingston**

## Swings:

Clayton Church, 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)  
Children tickets from \$59 (fees may apply)  
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