



## EXCITING CAST ANNOUNCED

**“Faultless. Flawless. Amazing. Perfect... A MUST SEE”** - Broadway World

The cast for Jonathan Larson’s exhilarating, multi-Tony® Award winning musical **RENT** has been announced.

The musical that rocked Broadway is back, and making its debut at the Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House from 27 September.

Director Shaun Rennie, fresh from his celebrated production of *Guys & Dolls* on Sydney Harbour, has assembled some of Australia’s finest singer/actors for this critically lauded production.

“I’m thrilled with the amazing cast for this new season of **RENT**. The depth of talent we have in this country never ceases to amaze me, and I thank all those who came in to audition for us. **RENT** thrives when populated with passionate, young artists, and I’m so proud of the company we’ve assembled - they all bring raw energy, talent, and heart. I can’t wait to get started,” said Rennie.

**Henry Rollo** (*Rocky Horror Show*) plays Mark, a struggling documentary filmmaker and best friend of Roger, an HIV-positive musician recovering from heroin addiction will be played by **Harry Targett** (*Dear Evan Hansen*). **Kristin Pause** (*Tina The Tina Turner Musical*) is Mimi, a reckless and passionate exotic dancer who lives only for today. The Voice finalist **Calista Nemes** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*) reprises her award-winning performance of the spirited Maureen, current girlfriend of Joanne, a tough, headstrong Harvard-educated lawyer played by **Imani Williams** (*Hadestown*).

Philosophy teacher Collins, father-figure and friend, is played by **Googoorewon Knox** (*Hamilton*) with **Jesse Dutlow** (& *Juliet*) in the role of Angel, an HIV-positive drag artist with a passion for life in the face of inevitable adversity. Benny, played by **Tana Laga’aia** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), is the former friend and current landlord of Mark, Roger and Mimi.

Completing the cast are Anna Francesca Armenia, Kobe Brown, Sam Harmon, Lawrence Hawkins, Carmel Rodrigues, Chad Rosete, Eliza Soriano, Stacey Thomsett, Bree Tipoki and Theodore Williams.

**RENT** takes audiences to the vibrant streets of New York City’s East Village in the early 90’s, where young people navigate poignant social issues and dreams are born, friendships are tested, and the power of love prevails against all odds.

Featuring the iconic songs *Seasons of Love*, *Take Me or Leave Me* and *La Vie Bohème*, this groundbreaking phenomenon, inspired by Puccini’s *La Bohème*, is more than a musical; it’s a celebration of love, life, art and the resilience of the human spirit.

Jonathan Larson’s **RENT** opened Off-Broadway in 1996 and quickly became a global phenomenon. The show earned Larson multiple Tony® Awards along with a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, a distinction not received again by a music theatre work until 14 years later. Though Larson himself never saw the impact of his masterwork – he died suddenly in the early hours of the day the show opened to the public – its longevity serves as a testament to the emotional resonance of his creation and an embodiment of its ever-present message “no day but today”.

**Tickets for RENT** at the Sydney Opera House are on sale now. Book before 1 July and receive a 20% discount. Prices start for as little as \$49. A Reserve are \$139 and the best seats in the house are selling for \$189. Group discounts are also available. Audiences are encouraged to book now so they don’t miss out on this strictly limited season.

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# RENT

Book, Music and Lyrics by

**Jonathan Larson**

Musical Arrangements

**Steve Skinner**

Original Concept/Additional Lyrics

**Billy Aronson**

Music Supervision and Additional Arrangements

**Tim Weil**

Dramaturg

**Lynn Thomson**

***RENT* was originally produced in New York  
by New York Theatre Workshop and on Broadway  
by Jeffery Seller, Kevin McCollum, Allan S. Gordon  
and New York Theatre Workshop**

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## Creatives

**Director** Shaun Rennie

**Music Director** Jack Earle

**Choreographer** Luca Dinardo

**Set Designer** Dann Barber

**Lighting Designer** Paul Jackson

**Sound Designer** Evan Drill

**Costume Designer** Ella Butler

## Venue

Joan Sutherland Theatre, Sydney Opera House

## Season

From 27 September 2025

## Bookings

[opera.org.au](https://opera.org.au) or 02 9318 8200

## Tickets

20% discount off bookings made before 1 July

Adult tickets start at \$49. (fees may apply)

A Reserve \$139

Premium Reserve \$189

Group bookings of 4 or more discounts available

## Cast

**Angel** Jesse Dutlow

**Collins** Googoorewon Knox

**Benny** Tana Laga'aia

**Maureen** Calista Nelmes

**Mimi** Kristin Paulse

**Mark** Henry Rollo

**Roger** Harry Targett

**Joanne** Imani Williams

## Featured Ensemble

Anna Francesca Armenia

Kobe Brown

Sam Harmon

Lawrence Hawkins

Carmel Rodrigues

Eliza Soriano

Stacey Thomsett

Theodore Williams

**Onstage Cover** Chad Rosete

**Resident Choreographer & Cover** Bree Tipoki

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