

Casting Brief Children's Chorus

La Bohème
Melbourne Spring 2026



Overview

Opera Australia is seeking to cast the Children's Chorus for our upcoming production of *La Bohème* as part of our 2026 Melbourne Spring season. Director, Constantine Costi, is leading a talented team to create a new *La Bohème*, set in snow-kissed Paris and shimmering with magic.

La bohème will be performed at the Regent Theatre from 7-18 November 2026, and sung in Italian.

Performers must be available from Friday 9 October to Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Audition Brief

We are casting 24 child choristers, for two casts, of 12 children each. They will alternate performances, and cover performances when they are not scheduled to perform.

Age: 10-15 years old

Height: No height requirement

Range: Treble range (unbroken voices)

Skills: Children will be required to sing, and also perform animated, directed movement on stage as part of chorus scenes.

Any child who is cast **must live within 60 minutes of travel time** (one way) or less of all work venues, and regularly live at the provided address.

Audition Information

Audition applications will be accepted via the following web form only - [Audition Application Link](#)

You will need to include a **short one-minute video** of your child singing.

- Choose a classical or musical theatre piece. It does not need to be the entire piece.
- The video doesn't need to be professional quality or high production value. Please check the recording before uploading that it is clear and audible.
- We should be able to hear your child clearly singing, and **no amplification** should be used (e.g. a microphone).
- The video can have live accompaniment, a backing track or sung acapella (without accompaniment).
- You can upload the video, or include a link. Please make sure your link is accessible.

You also need to include:

- Current CV or musical and theatre experience. This must be PDF format, two pages maximum.
- Headshot (this does not need to be a professional photo, and can also be in their CV).

Applications close at 5pm, on Friday 10 July 2026.

Successful applicants will be offered an in-person audition. Auditions will be held from **10:30am on Saturday 1 August at the Melbourne Opera Centre, Southbank**. They must be accompanied by an adult to their audition.

Everyone will be notified of the outcome of their application, once applications have closed.

Children who are asked to audition will need to bring and perform a short solo from classical repertoire or musical theatre repertoire. They may be asked to learn a short section of music, or demonstrate aural skills.

Schedule

Venues: The Melbourne Opera Centre, and ABC Studios, Southbank, and the Regent Theatre, Melbourne.

Availability: Your child must be available for all of the times below. We're not able to accommodate any unavailability.

Weekday	Date	Start	End	Call	Location
Friday	09/10/2026	15:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Monday	12/10/2026	15:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Tuesday	13/10/2026	15:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Saturday	17/10/2026	10:45	13:00	Music Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Monday	19/10/2026	15:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Wednesday	21/10/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Friday	23/10/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Saturday	24/10/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Wednesday	28/10/2026	10:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	Opera Centre, Southbank
Thursday	29/10/2026	13:45	17:15	Sitzprobe	ABC Studios, Southbank
Friday	30/10/2026	13:00	21:30	Stage Rehearsal	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Saturday	31/10/2026	9:30	19:00	Stage Rehearsal	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Wednesday	04/11/2026	12:00	21:45	Stage Rehearsal	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Thursday	05/11/2026	10:00	17:15	Stage Rehearsal	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Saturday	07/11/2026	18:15	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Sunday	08/11/2026	13:00	15:15	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Tuesday	10/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Wednesday	11/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Thursday	12/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Friday	13/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Saturday	14/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Sunday	15/11/2026	13:00	15:15	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Tuesday	17/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne
Wednesday	18/11/2026	18:30	20:45	Performance	Regent Theatre, Melbourne

This schedule is a draft, and is subject to change, including start and end times.

Please contact rebecca.mychael@opera.org.au if you have any questions, or require further information.