

2026 Audition Criteria: Director

Opera Australia seeks an outstanding creative talent to join the Young Artist Program as a director from 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2027.

ROUND 1 - TREATMENT SUBMISSION

Treatment must be submitted by Monday 20 October 2025, 9AM AEDT

Submit a directorial concept for one of the following operas, highlighting your thoughts on set and costume and how these would illuminate the world of the piece and how the music informs the text and the drama.

Treatment to be no longer than three A4 pages.

- *Don Giovanni* - Mozart
- *L'elisir d'amore* - Donizetti
- *Les Pêcheurs de Perles* - Bizet
- *Faust* - Gounod
- *Rigoletto* - Verdi
- *Ariadne auf Naxos* - Strauss

ROUND 2 - LIVE PRESENTATION

Dates: 3-9 November 2025

Should your submission be successful, you will be invited to a live presentation.

Location: The presentation will be either in your closest capital city or Sydney. Should you be asked to travel to Sydney for your presentation, Opera Australia will cover your travel and accommodation.

Live Presentation Guidelines

You will be allotted a 30-minute period in which to clearly present your concept for your chosen opera to the interview panel. You may use PowerPoint and/or printed material to enhance your concept if you wish. Allow under 10-minutes for a Q&A with the panel.

ROUND 3 - DIRECTOR & RÉPÉTITEUR FINALIST WORKSHOP

Dates: Fri/Sat 28-29 November 2025

Should your submission proceed to the final stage, you will be invited to attend a two-day Finalist Workshop for répétiteur and director candidates in Sydney. The workshop is an opportunity for us to see you direct and collaborate with singers, a répétiteur and music staff.

Workshop Repertoire

You will be assigned an operatic duet or scene to prepare and rehearse over two days with Opera Australia Young Artists in collaboration with YAP Répétiteur candidates. The scene will be performed for an invited audience at the Opera Centre on Saturday 29 November.

Location: The Opera Centre, Sydney. For artists travelling from outside Sydney, Opera Australia will cover your travel and accommodation.