

Casting Brief Child Performers

La Bohème and *The Magic Flute*
Sydney Summer 2027



Overview

Opera Australia is seeking to cast the Children's Chorus for our upcoming production of *La Bohème* and Child Performers for our upcoming production of *The Magic Flute*, both part of our 2027 Sydney Summer season.

La Bohème, directed by Constantine Costi will be performed at the Sydney Opera House from 31 December 2026 to 17 March 2027, and sung in Italian.

The Magic Flute, a production from Scottish Opera, will be performed at the Sydney Opera House from 13 January 2027 to 23 March 2027, and will be sung in German, with English dialogue.

Children must be available from 24 November 2026 to 17 March 2027, for *La Bohème* or 23 November 2026 to 23 March 2027 for *The Magic Flute*. Children will only be cast in one production.

Audition Brief

All children applying must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or have a valid visa to work in Australia.

La Bohème

We are casting 12 child choristers, who will perform in each performance.

Age: 10-15 years old

Height: No taller than 165cm

Range: Treble range (unbroken voices)

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

Location: Children must regularly be Sydney-based and live within 90 minutes of travel to all work venues (one way).

The Magic Flute

We are casting two casts of three children each, who will alternate performances.

Age: 9-16 years old (they must still be 16 years old at the final performance)

Height: No taller than 155cm

Range: Treble range (unbroken voices)

Skills: These are individual supporting roles, and we are looking for bright, confident, and musical children.

Location: Children must regularly be Sydney-based and live within 90 minutes of travel to all work venues (one way).

Other notes: The children cast in this production will be required to be flown in the air up to 8m, on wires. The children must be very comfortable with heights, and be focused, well-behaved, and able to follow instructions. They should have no medical conditions that may affect their ability to participate safely (e.g. heart conditions, epilepsy). No previous experience with being flown or similar activities is required. If you have any questions about this, please reach out.

Audition Information

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

You can indicate if your child would like to audition for one or both productions.

You 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 does not need to be of professional quality or high production value. Please check the recording before submitting.
- 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).
- The video needs to be shared via link, not uploaded as a file. Please make sure it is accessible, or it will not be considered.

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 Thursday 24 September 2026.

Successful applicants will be offered an in-person audition.

Auditions will be held on **Saturday 10 October and Monday 12 October from 10:30am at the Opera Centre, Surry Hills**. Callbacks may be held on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October from 2pm. They must be accompanied by an adult to their audition. No alternate dates are available.

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.

Schedules

Venues: The Opera Centre, Surry Hill, ABC Centre, Ultimo, and the Sydney Opera House.

Availability: Your child must be available for all of the times below, for either production. Any unavailability cannot be accommodated.

Please note that these **are draft schedules and are subject to change**. Children auditioning for *The Magic Flute* must have good availability throughout the rehearsal period for additional safety calls that may be scheduled.

La Bohème Schedule

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Weekday	Date	Start		Type	Location
Tuesday	24/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Thursday	26/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Monday	30/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Thursday	03/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Tuesday	08/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Thursday	10/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Tuesday	15/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Wednesday	16/12/2026	10:15	13:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Friday	18/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Monday	21/12/2026	17:45	21:15	Sitzprobe	ABC Centre, Ultimo
Tuesday	22/12/2026	14:00	18:30	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	23/12/2026	15:45	20:0	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	29/12/2026	10:00	15:15	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	31/12/2026	18:45	21:0	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	02/01/2027	11:30	13:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	05/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	07/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	09/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	12/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	14/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	16/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	20/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Friday	22/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	25/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	28/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	30/01/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	01/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	03/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	06/02/2027	11:30	13:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	09/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	11/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	13/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	17/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	20/02/2027	11:30	13:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	23/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Friday	26/02/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	02/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	04/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	06/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House

Tuesday	09/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	11/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	13/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	17/03/2027	18:30	20:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House

The Magic Flute Schedule

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Weekday	Date	Start	End	Type	Location
Monday	23/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Wednesday	25/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Friday	27/11/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Tuesday	01/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Wednesday	02/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Saturday	05/12/2026	10:15	13:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Wednesday	09/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Friday	11/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Music Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Monday	14/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Thursday	17/12/2026	10:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Friday	18/12/2026	10:15	13:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Saturday	19/12/2026	10:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Monday	21/12/2026	10:15	13:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Thursday	24/12/2026	14:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Wednesday	30/12/2026	10:15	17:30	Production Rehearsal	The Opera Centre, Surry Hills
Tuesday	05/01/2027	10:15	13:45	Sitzprobe	ABC Studios, Ultimo
Wednesday	06/01/2027	11:45	21:15	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	07/01/2027	9:15	14:0	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Friday	08/01/2027	11:0	21:45	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	09/01/2027	9:15	14:0	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	12/01/2027	9:15	13:45	Stage Rehearsal	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	13/01/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	16/01/2027	11:15	15:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	19/01/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	21/01/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	23/01/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	27/01/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	30/01/2027	11:15	15:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	02/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	04/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	08/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	10/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	13/02/2027	11:15	15:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House

Monday	15/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	18/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	20/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	22/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	25/02/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	27/02/2027	11:15	15:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	01/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	03/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Friday	05/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Monday	08/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Wednesday	10/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	13/03/2027	11:15	15:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Thursday	18/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Saturday	20/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House
Tuesday	23/03/2027	18:15	22:45	Performance	The Sydney Opera House

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