

OPERA AUSTRALIA RETURNS WITH RARE GALA CONCERT TO CELEBRATE CANBERRA THEATRE CENTRE'S 60th ANNIVERSARY



THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025 – ONE NIGHT ONLY

In a spectacular celebration of operatic power and brilliance, the full forces of Opera Australia (OA) will take to the stage in Canberra for a special one-night-only gala concert in celebration of Canberra Theatre Centre's 60th anniversary!

For the first time in more than 40 years, the full OA orchestra and chorus plus a cast of principal artists, a total of more than 80 of the country's finest singers and musicians, will tour together to the nation's capital for this special event. Indeed, it is the only time in recent memory that the full OA chorus and orchestra have performed together in Australia, outside of the Sydney Opera House.

Opera Australia's Head of Music Tahu Matheson will conduct an all-star cast including Canberra soprano Lorina Gore, tenor Diego Torre, soprano Jennifer Black, mezzo soprano Sian Sharp, baritone Luke Gabbedy and bass David Parkin with OA Young Artist Claudia Osborne directing.

Experience soaring choral pieces, powerful orchestral music and some of opera's most iconic arias, in a program that brings to life the drama and beauty of Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, Verdi and Wagner.

"It's a joy to partner with the national opera company to bring this gala concert to the nation's capital in our diamond anniversary year. This event will be a stirring celebration of live performance and a tribute to Canberra's vibrant and growing cultural scene," said Alex Budd, Director, Canberra Theatre Centre.

Opera Australia acting CEO Simon Militano said "It's a real privilege for OA to have the full performing company in the nation's capital to join with Canberra Theatre Centre to mark this milestone and share with audiences a showcase of our remarkable artists and the very best of the opera canon."

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the country's leading opera artists perform some of the most powerful music ever written - drawn from the greatest operas in the repertoire and presented in concert for one exceptional night only.

Tickets for the Opera Australia Gala Concert go on pre-sale at 10am Friday 25 July before general-sale on Monday 28 July.

Event details:

Venue: Canberra Theatre, Canberra Theatre Centre

Season: One Night Only - Thursday 9 October 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Bookings: canberratheatrecentre.com.au or call the box office on (02) 6275 2700
opera.org.au or call the box office on (02) 9318 8200

Tickets: Adult tickets from \$89.90 (booking fee may apply)

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