

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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# Ring in 2026 with a night of music and glamour at the Sydney Opera House



Sydney on New Year's Eve is the ultimate night of nights and Opera Australia is gearing up for its annual celebration with two spectacular performances at the Sydney Opera House that promise soaring music, glamorous costumes and a touch of drama, plus the option of a prized front row view of the world-renowned fireworks.

This year, Sydney-siders and tourists alike can choose between the extravagant Opera Gala in the Concert Hall or the triumphant return after an eight-year hiatus of Moffatt Oxenbould's much-loved production of Puccini's tragically beautiful, *Madama Butterfly*. Guests can curate their own perfect night of entertainment, with the option of choosing a package or bespoke experience.

Oxenbould's elegant adaptation of this opera classic is visually captivating with its simple yet tranquil set and graceful, sumptuous costuming that compliments the love and drama captured by Puccini's sublime score including the famous aria 'One Fine Day', the perfect choice to mark the beginning of Opera Australia's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Meanwhile in the Concert Hall, The Opera Gala is a stunning showcase of some of the most iconic arias in the canon, performed by a cast of Australia's finest singers, accompanied by a full orchestra. Hosted by Australian actor and singer, Jonathan Biggins, this year's gala will be an uplifting and extraordinary concert, a delightful way for audiences to ring in 2026.

Opera Australia also offers guests the opportunity to indulge in an ultimate, once in a lifetime experience with the exclusive NYE Platinum Package.

A sell out each year, the Platinum Package includes pre-show dinner, platinum reserve seating for the performance of their choice, either The Opera Gala or *Madama Butterfly*, champagne at interval and entry to the midnight party in the Northern Foyer overlooking Sydney Harbour with one of the most sought-after views of the fireworks.

Alternatively, guests can purchase tickets to the performance only, with the option of then adding the midnight party or the pre-show dinner to elevate their opera experience.

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## **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

### **Sydney Opera House 31 December 2025**

The Opera Gala Concert | 7:45pm | Concert Hall

*Madama Butterfly* by Puccini | 7:30pm | Joan Sutherland Theatre

### **Tickets**

The Opera Gala Concert | tickets from \$309 + \$9.80 transaction fee

*Madama Butterfly* by Puccini | tickets from \$239 + \$9.80 transaction fee

## **PACKAGE INFORMATION**

### **Pre-Performance Dinner:** Northern Foyers - Concert Hall and Joan Sutherland Theatre

\$499pp | 5:00pm | Enjoy the stunning views of Sydney Harbour and the Bridge as you dine on a three-course menu, matched with premium wines.

Price does **NOT** include performance ticket

### **Midnight Party:** Northern Foyers - Concert Hall and Joan Sutherland Theatre

\$499pp | Commences at the conclusion of the performance | Canapés, beverages, and live entertainment, in the Northern Foyers of the Sydney Opera House.

Price does **NOT** include performance ticket

### **Platinum Package**

\$1840pp + \$9.80 transaction fee | Northern Foyer Pre-performance dinner, Midnight Party, Platinum reserve seats to either *Madama Butterfly* or the Opera Gala Concert, a program, and a glass of champagne at interval.

Price **DOES** include performance ticket

## **BOOKINGS**

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