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Series of Australian opera

THE MARRIAGE
OF FIGARO

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THE MIKADO

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DON GIOVANNI

LA BOHÈME

DER ROSENKAVALIER



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The Marriage of Figaro



Available now

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Conductor: Patrick Summers
Director: Neil Armfield

Cast: Peter Coleman-Wright, Taryn Fiebig, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Rachelle Durkin, Warwick Fyfe, Jacqueline Dark, Sian Pendry, Opera Australia Chorus, Australian Opera & Ballet Orchestra.

Duration:
3hrs 22mins (one intermission)

Comical, chaotic and ultimately heart-warming. Figaro loves Susanna. The Countess still loves the Count. Cherubino loves the ladies and as for the Count, love is not the word for how he feels about Susanna. Confused? You will be. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.



Rigoletto



Available now

Music: Giuseppe Verdi
Conductor: Giovanni Reggioli
Director: Elijah Moshinsky

Cast: Alan Opie, Paul O'Neill, Emma Matthews, David Parkin, Elizabeth Campbell, Opera Australia Chorus, Australian Opera & Ballet Orchestra

Duration:
2hrs 45mins (one intermission)

Inspired by Federico Fellini's *La Dolce Vita*, Elijah Moshinsky's production is the story of Rigoletto, jester to the Duke of Mantua. Rigoletto's job is to keep the Duke laughing and deflect attention from the Duke's many peccadillos. Rigoletto turns from spiteful joker into desperate father. Featuring Verdi's brilliant arias and ensembles, from the heartbreaking 'Pari siamo!' to the wickedly jaunty 'La donna è mobile'. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

The Mikado

Filmed at the State Theatre,
The Arts Centre, Melbourne

August 2011

Music: Gilbert and Sullivan
Conductor: Brian Castles-Onion
Director: Stuart Maunder

Cast: Mitchell Butel, Richard Alexander, Samuel Dundas, Warwick Fyfe, Kanen Breen, Taryn Fiebig, Dominica Matthews, Annabelle Chaffey, Jacqueline Dark, Opera Australia Chorus, Opera Australia Dancers, Orchestra Victoria



Duration: 2hrs 27mins (one intermission)

Opera Australia's very own version of Gilbert and Sullivan's Japanese fantasy is back. What makes this an all-time favourite? Is it the director's instinct for fun, or the whimsical sets and glorious costumes? Is it the outstanding performers, the big orchestral sound or the antics of the award-winning Opera Australia Chorus? Sung in English with English subtitles.



Der Rosenkavalier

September 2011

Music: Richard Strauss
Conductor: Andrew Litton
Director: Brian FitzGerald

Cast: Cheryl Barker, Catherine Carby, Manfred Hemm, Emma Pearson, Warwick Fyfe, Teresa La Rocca, Andrew Brunson, Jacqueline Dark, Australian Opera Chorus, Australian Opera & Ballet Orchestra.

Duration:
3hrs 45mins (one intermission)



Der Rosenkavalier (*The Knight of the Rose*) is a comic opera in three acts by Richard Strauss to an original German libretto by Hugo von Hoffmannsthal. *Der Rosenkavalier* is a co-production between Welsh National Opera and Opera Australia. Sung in German with English subtitles.

La bohème

October 2011

Music: Giacomo Puccini
Conductor: Shao-Chia Lü
Director: Gale Edwards

Cast: Takesha Meshé Kízart, Ji-Min Park, Taryn Fiebig, José Carbó, David Parkin, Shane Lawrence, John Bolton Wood, Richard Alexander. Australian Opera & Ballet Orchestra. Opera Australia Chorus, Opera Australia Children's Chorus

Duration:
2hrs 10mins (one intermission)

Opera Australia presents a brand new production of Puccini's *La bohème* from director Gale Edwards, designers Brian Thomson and Julie Lynch. Starring two of the most exciting young singers in opera today, Takesha Meshé Kízart as Mimì and Ji-Min Park as Rodolfo. This glorious classic has been transported to the glittering Spiegelent of 1930's Berlin. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.



Lakmé

December 2011

Music: Léo Delibes
Conductor: Emmanuel Joel-Hornak
Original Director: Adam Cook
Restudied by: Roger Hodjman

Cast: Emma Matthews, Dominica Matthews, Roxane Hislop, Jane Parkin, Nicole Car, Aldo Di Toro, Luke Gabbedy, Stephen Bennett, Graeme Macfarlane, Australian Opera & Ballet Orhestra, Opera Australia Chorus

Duration: 3 hrs 5mins (two intermissions)

This production is a masterpiece of scenic art, inspired by traditional Hindu painting, and brought to life by an ensemble decked out in the gloriously gaudy finery of Southern India. For all its stunning detail, nothing can outshine the music. Sung in French with English subtitles. A co-production with Operá de Montréal.



Don Giovanni

February 2012

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Conductor: Mark Wigglesworth
Director: Göran Järvefelt

Cast: Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Daniel Sumegi, Conal Coad, Rachelle Durkin, Henry Choo, Jacqueline Dark, Andrew Jones, Amy Wilkinson, Australian Opera & Ballet Orchestra, Opera Australia Chorus.

Göran Järvefelt's 1991 *Don Giovanni* is a stylish, timeless production, and although many singers have played the title role, no one has inhabited it as memorably as Teddy Tahu Rhodes. Mozart paints the light and shade of his character brilliantly. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.



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DON GIOVANNI

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