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LA TRAVIATA RETURNS TO THE WILDLY SUCCESSFUL HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR 2020

Verdi's iconic Opera *La Traviata* will return for the renowned Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour – nine years after it first graced the stage at the inaugural event.

Since its inception in 2012, Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour has been supported by the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency Destination NSW and has established itself as one of the world's greatest outdoor theatrical events.

Minister for Tourism Stuart Ayres said Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour continues to go from strength to strength.

"This event is like no other – combining world-class performances, colourful costumes, majestic sets and exhilarating fireworks with the unbeatable backdrop of Sydney Harbour," Mr Ayres said.

"More than 62,000 tickets were sold for the 2019 Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour production of *West Side Story*, which is an incredible result.

"It is clear why Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour is regarded as a must-see event on our State's cultural calendar, as it continues to attract audiences from every corner of the globe. I have no doubt the return of the quintessential opera *La Traviata* will be bigger and better than ever before."

Opera Australia's Artistic Director Lyndon Terracini said he is thrilled to have this iconic opera back on the Harbour stage.

"Bringing back *La Traviata* has a sense of nostalgia. This event has come so far in the last nine years and has successfully brought the art of opera to so many new audiences. We are proud of what we have accomplished," Mr Terracini said.

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour's production of *La Traviata* will be held from 27 March to 26 April 2020.

Tickets will be available to the public from 16 July 2019 at opera.org.au/harbour