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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

The year 2019 is fast running into year 2020 which will see the State Theatre close in October for six months. This closure will affect the productions Opera Australia can present in the 2020 Spring Season and the seating capacity of smaller theatres will reduce the number of dress rehearsal tickets available. We ask our members to be patient and understanding and to continue to support the Opera Society and thereby the wonderful art of opera.

When the new building, which will be the Melbourne home of Opera Australia, opens in April 2020 we will be back at our old address in City Road and part of Melbourne's vibrant arts precinct. The Opera Society will then be able to reintroduce our popular Insights and Opera Australia has promised two Insights in 2020 although details of these are yet to be confirmed.

We have chosen five performances from the 2020 Morning Melodies series which we think our members will enjoy. See the attached Booking Form for details.

At our Christmas lunch at the Windsor Hotel on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 our guest speaker will be Rory Jeffes, the CEO of Opera Australia, and we will be entertained by Stacey Alleaume who starred earlier this year as Gilda in *Rigoletto*. Stacey's performance is not to be missed so we do hope to see you all at our final lunch for the year.

Lastly but most importantly, the Membership Renewal for 2020 is enclosed. There is no increase in the subscription fees again this year so perhaps members could consider making a tax deductible donation to the Opera Society Donation Fund which provides scholarships for emerging young singers. Once you have paid your 2020 membership subscription you will be sent the appropriate number of dress rehearsal vouchers which you will need in February 2020 when you will be advised of the dress rehearsals which will be available in 2020. When you send back your membership renewal, please also send a self-addressed business size envelope (220 by 110 mm) for the return of your dress rehearsal vouchers and membership card.

2019 has been quite a busy year for Opera Society members and we do hope you have enjoyed all the performances and other activities which we have arranged. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Best wishes,





Valma Allaway  
PRESIDENT

Some Opera Society members on the stage of Hamer Hall during the recent Backstage Tour