



OPERA SOCIETY
Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We have reached the end of a second difficult year. Fortunately in 2021 we were able to enjoy the dress rehearsals of *Aida* and *Ernani* and a wonderful Christmas in July lunch in between lockdowns.

Our Christmas lunch at the Windsor Hotel on December 9th is going ahead. The Windsor Hotel requires all attendees at the lunch to show proof of full vaccination which hopefully will not be a problem but is essential for the protection of all. A booking form for the lunch is enclosed and we look forward to seeing as many Members as possible at the Windsor for what is always a most enjoyable event.

Opera Australia will be staging two operas in Melbourne in 2022 which means we can offer two dress rehearsals; *La Traviata* on April 30th at 10.30 am and *Lohengrin* on May 11th at 6.00 pm. Once you have renewed your 2022 Membership subscription, a booking form for the dress rehearsals will be sent to you. Information regarding the two planned Insights will be supplied when arrangements have been finalised with Opera Australia. Members will be advised of the Morning Melodies program for 2022 when it is released by the Arts Centre.

A Membership subscription renewal form for 2022 is enclosed. There is no increase in the subscription fee again this year as we are mindful of the reduced program in 2022. Please continue to support your Society and our Art Form which has been through so much in the recent past.

In 2022, through our donation and bequest programs, we will give scholarships to two young artists with Opera Australia and to one artist with the Melba Opera Trust. Our 2021 Eleanor Blakemore scholarship holder, Chloe Harris, is now studying in London and Stephen Marsh, a previous Eleanor Blakemore scholar, is back in Australia after making his international debut. Members can consider making a tax deductible donation to the Opera Society Donation Fund when they renew their membership.

I would like to thank all our Members for their outstanding loyalty during the last two years. I am confident that better times are ahead and I look forward to joining you for some excellent opera performances in the coming year.

Best wishes,



Please note our mailing address for the next few months will be:

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