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A Wealth of Dining & Accommodation Options for Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour



HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR - *La Traviata* from 24 March 2012

Two of Australia's major providers of accommodation and catering have been appointed official partners of **HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR: *La Traviata***. Together they will offer stylish options for travellers to Sydney, or just to visitors seeking to upgrade their night out with some special dining experiences, ranging from simple hampers to exclusive fine dining, with an Italian theme to reflect what's on stage!. Opera Australia is proud to welcome Media Apartment Hotels and *fresh* CATERING to their stable of partners.

Accommodation for the savvy traveller

Premier Australian company **Medina**, known and loved for its commitment to classic and sleek apartment hotel accommodation, has been named Official Accommodation Partner for the most spectacular event on the Sydney calendar, the inaugural **HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR: *La Traviata***. **Medina** will offer exclusive accommodation and ticket packages, and host an outdoor dining space on site, named The Medina Lounge.

Medina's "Opera Australia" packages, available through **Showbiz**, will transform the event into a memorable mini-break or sophisticated stay-cation. Guests will have the flexibility and space to explore Sydney at their own pace before the show, relax in their own private lounge room over a glass of red after the show and enjoy a relaxing sleep-in the next morning. Plus, travelling to and from the performance will be a breeze from Medina's Sydney city locations

Award-winning Sydney company **fresh CATERING**, who recently won three of the industry's top accolades at the 2011 NSW Restaurant & Catering Awards "Caterer of the Year", "Best Caterer at an Event" and "Best Wedding Caterer in a Function Centre", have been chosen as the sole and exclusive caterer for the event. At the outdoor venue, which feature theatre-style seating for 3,000, **fresh CATERING** will present world-class bar and dining areas with broad range of thematic food concepts and six different offerings.

On-site Drinks & Dining

There are five different dining experiences plus a variety of quick snack options, available to cater to the widest possible range of needs and budgets, from cheap to chic!

Hamper for One - A pre-prepared FRESH catering hamper of your very own, complete with a selection of delicious menu items along with a glass of Howard Park sparkling wine. These hampers are available for pre-purchase (only) along with your ticket and collected before the show starts. You are welcome to take the hamper to your seat as you enjoy ***La Traviata*** in style.

Champagne Bars - If all you are after is a refreshing glass of Howard Park sparkling then mobile Champagne Bars are perfect for you. Located along the harbour foreshore these will operate pre-performance and during interval.

Something Sweet - If you are looking for something sweet during the interval but cannot bear to tear yourself away from the view, **mobile confectionary sellers** will come to your aid with a delicious array of Italian sweet treats

The Medina Lounge – Accommodation partner Medina will host The Medina Lounge. Situated on the southern end of the site on Mazda Drive, it offers magnificent harbour views in a Mediterranean dining setting complete with Moritz Beer and light snacks. Open during pre-show and interval, this is the perfect setting for a quick refreshment before the spectacular performance of ***La Traviata***.

Northern Cantina - The Northern Cantina, situated on ground level at the North end of the site, will be a bustling street-level trattoria by the waterside. The Cantina offers the perfect solution for patrons who want a quick meal, snack or drink that can be easily taken back to on the seats, consumed on the go, or savoured up close to the water. These beverage and meal options uphold the superb quality provided by FRESH catering quality but are delivered in a fast, convenient format.

Northern Terrace - Experience Sydney's icons from a new perspective... The Northern Terrace will offer a truly unique outdoor dining experience, set amongst the tree tops of the Royal Botanic Garden. Resembling a **modern Italian trattoria**, this elegant decking area offers counter dining with exquisite views. The Northern Terrace will serve up a range of meals including from gourmet pizzas, freshly prepared salads, tasty panini's and substantial hot main meals all carefully selected to reflect the flavours of Italy. All this can be enjoyed with a selection of Howard Park beverages, Moritz beer or San Pellegrino's soft drinks. Once you have finished your main meal, there is a wide range of classic dolce to satisfy any sweet cravings.

Southern Terrace - Similar to the Northern Terrace, the Southern Terrace offers an Italian style trattoria with spectacular views from the tree tops. The Southern Terrace boasts cosy outdoor counter dining complete with tasty starters, gourmet pizza, light salads and delicious dolce. Howard Park beverages, Moritz beer or San Pellegrino's soft drinks are also available here.

Platinum Lounge – For those after the most luxe dining experience, the **Platinum Lounge** will delight. An exclusive area that will cater for pre and post performance dining, it is built into the raised seating structure, where guests will enjoy the fine dining of **fresh CATERING** set against the uninterrupted back drop of a glittering stage and Sydney harbour. The Lounge will be decorated with rich velvets, crystals and mirrors, and can be reconfigured to allow for a private dining experience or to suit groups of any size. **Platinum Lounge dining packages are available for purchase to the 'special event' patron, who is after a full night out of dining, drinks and premium seating.**

Platinum Lounge dining package options:

- **Pre-performance dining - \$550** includes Premium ticket, canapés on arrival, main course, dessert, a selection of premium beverages, a souvenir program and interval drinks
- **Post-performance cocktail - \$495** includes Premium ticket, souvenir program, interval drinks, canapés and deluxe beverage selection
- **Deluxe Packages (pre and post) - \$635** includes Premium ticket, canapés on arrival, main course, dessert, a selection of premium beverages, souvenir program, interval drinks, post show canapés and deluxe beverage selection.

ABOUT HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR: *La Traviata*

Opera Australia's magnificent production of ***La Traviata*** features spectacular sets, beautiful costumes, dazzling lighting and effects and fireworks. A 9-metre chandelier sparkling with Swarovski Elements crystals will be suspended above a purpose-built, shimmering stage on the waters of Sydney Harbour. The Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and city skyline will provide a magnificent backdrop as the sun sets on this unique venue.

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