

Opera Hits High Note in the Hastings as Opera Australia's Oz Opera offers second performance of *Madame Butterfly* to the Glasshouse



Opera Australia's Oz Opera has announced an additional performance of *Madame Butterfly* in the Glasshouse 2008 Spring Season program.

Due to the outstanding response by the Hastings community to their production of *Madame Butterfly* scheduled for 16 September, Oz Opera has restructured its NSW touring schedule to enable a second performance of *Madame Butterfly* to be presented at the Glasshouse on 17 September 2008.

According to **Jennifer Kerr, Oz Opera's Manager:**

"Opera Australia's Oz Opera can't wait to return Port Macquarie in 2008 and are eagerly anticipating the inaugural operatic performance of *Madame Butterfly* at the new Glasshouse.

While Oz Opera performs in both traditional and non-traditional venues across Australia, from aircraft hangars to haysheds, **it is always a pleasure to perform in a fully-equipped theatre that is designed with both performers and audiences in mind.**

It's so exciting that our first performance at the Glasshouse sold out within 36 hours. We are thrilled to be able to stage a second performance of the world's favourite opera, *Madame Butterfly*, and share the magic of opera with even more of the Hastings-Port Macquarie community."

The additional performance of *Madame Butterfly* will ensure that all three and four show subscribers to the 2008 Glasshouse Spring Season program will have the opportunity to upgrade their subscription to include a ticket to *Madame Butterfly*. The special offer to existing subscribers closes on Friday 22 February 2008. Single ticket sales commence on Monday 3 March 2008.

Robyn Birrell, Director, Performing Arts at the Glasshouse commented: "The offer by Oz Opera of a second performance of *Madame Butterfly* is great news for subscribers who were unable to include the opera in their original subscription because the opera sold out so quickly. We are delighted that a company of Oz Opera's standing recognises the significance of the Glasshouse to the Hastings community and has made this second performance available. There may be a small number of tickets available to the second performance of the opera when single tickets go on sale from 3 March but it will depend on the response from existing three and four show subscribers - who should promptly call the Glasshouse Box Office on (02) 6581 8888 to secure their opera tickets."

Madame Butterfly is a new production by Oz Opera, the travelling arm of Opera Australia, and the artistic director is **John Bell**, from Bell Shakespeare. **Jane Parkin**, who visited Port Macquarie for the 2008 Glasshouse Spring Season launch on 6 December last year, will play the role of Madame Butterfly in both performances of the opera on 16 and 17 September 2008 in the newly opened Glasshouse.

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