

Dear Singers, Friends and Supporters

Let us warm you up with news of our upcoming events! We have been rehearsing for our upcoming **Opera Box** pop-up series below and entry forms are starting to come in for our annual **Opera Idol Song Contest** – you can find more details on all events and a review of our year so far below. We look forward to seeing you soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPERA BOX Pop-up opera series

We are excited to present this new initiative in three brand new venues around town. We bring you four short vintage comic operas: *The Telephone* and *The Old Maid & The Thief* both by Menotti in the CBD (27th July); *The Impresario* (Mozart) with *Not in Front of the Waiter* (or *Under the Aspidistra*) by Offenbach in Remuera (4th August) and another showing of *The Old Maid & The Thief* in St Heliers (11th August).

Featuring emerging and experienced singers and our pianist for this project Juan Kim, we hope you can pop-in to one of our performances.



Tickets are just \$20 (general) and \$10 (student/child) and can be booked at www.iticket.co.nz
Phone 09 361 1000

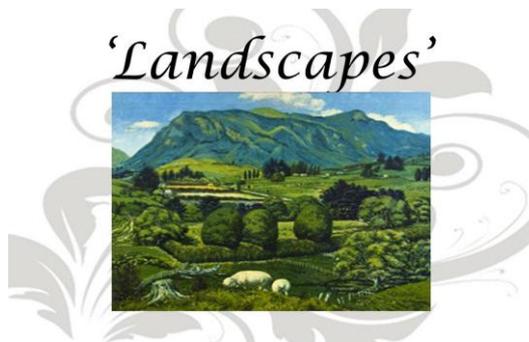
There are more details about these pop-up operas and the performance venues on the next page.

LANDSCAPES in SONG

14 August, 6.30pm

Exclusive Fundraiser

Kelliher Art Gallery, 2 York St, Parnell



We have limited tickets available to an exclusive Opera Factory fundraiser featuring a selection of singers from Opera Factory. Songs and entertainment will reflect the art on display in the gallery - a wondrous selection of landscapes. Suggested donation \$75 pp. If you would like to attend, please email sally@operafactory.com or phone 09 921 7801

OPERA IDOL Song Contest 2018 2-7 September

Entry forms are now available for our annual Song Contest for school students aged 8-18years. With audition rounds for each age section immediately followed by a Final Awards night (7th September), this is always an exciting and enjoyable night supporting the next generation of performers. Along with prizes for each age group, we will also present an overall Colla Voce Vocal Ensemble award to the most promising singer in the 15-18year old age group and for the first time we have added an open duet class for 12-18 year olds. To request an Entry Form email admin@operafactory.com (Earlybird closes 10th August). We encourage audiences to attend the Final Awards Night on Friday 7th September. If you would like to reserve a ticket, please email us.



OPERA BOX Performance Dates

Friday 27th July 6.30pm - 8pm

The Telephone & The Old Maid & The Thief

Ellen Melville Hall, 1 Freyburg Place, Central Ak
Featuring Anna Mahon and Angus Simmons, Bernice Austin, Suzanne Shaw-Lentini, Stephanie Cortesi and Mark Covich.

Saturday 4th August 6.30 - 8pm

Not in Front of the Waiter & The Impresario

Somervel Church, 497 Remuera Road
Featuring Kelly Harris, Yenushka Gooneskera, Adrian du Toit, Arthur Adam-Close Dragan Atanasov, Clare Hood, Emma Sloman, Michael Potts and Mark Covich

Saturday 11th August 6.30 - 8pm

A reprise of The Old Maid & The Thief

St Heliers Community Church, 100 St Heliers Bay Rd

Bookings www.iticket.co.nz



Synopsis

The Old Maid and the Thief (Menotti) We present this domestic comedy as originally set, in a 1950's radio studio. Singers play the roles of Miss Todd (Suzanne Shaw-Lentini), her house maid and confidant Letitia (Bernice Austin) and the gossiping neighbour Miss Pinkerton (Stephanie Cortesi). When Bob (Mark Covich) arrives looking for a place to stay, the ladies fall in love with him, but when they hear he may be the local thief, the old maids make plans to ensure he is not caught. Menotti writes in the libretto "The devil couldn't do what a woman can- make a thief out of an honest man."

The Telephone (Menotti) This delightful comedy features three characters, Lucy (Anna Mahon), her boyfriend Ben (Angus Simmons) and the Telephone! Lucy loves chatting on her Phone and Ben loves Lucy – which one will win her heart?

Not in Front of the Waiter or Under the Aspidistra (Offenbach) A frothy farce by Offenbach set in the French style, sees two couples arrive for their secret trysts over dinner. However, as the night proceeds they discover a lot more about each other as Block, the waiter, reveals some surprising truths! Featuring singers Kelly Harris, Yenushka Gooneskera, Arthur Adams-Close and Adrian du Toit with Dragan Atanasov.

The Impresario (Mozart) Signor Radicchio (tenor Michael Potts) and Signor Fagioli (Mark Covich) audition the duelling divas Signora Tekumara (Clare Hood) and Signora Maggiore (Emma Sloman), while trying to resolve the dilemma of who will be cast in their new opera 'Casilda Abbandonata'.

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RECENT EVENTS

Simon O'Neill Masterclass Sunday 6 May

We were delighted to present a celebrity Masterclass with the ebullient Simon O'Neill providing a unique experience for the selected singers Chelsea Dolman, Christina Orjis, Arthur Adams-Close, Clare Hood, Pasquale Orchard, Nathan Hauraki, Leila Alexander and Alexander Garvey, accompanied by Gracie Francis. Simon provided so many enthusiastic tips and anecdotes it was a very entertaining evening.



Morning Melodies Song Recitals March, April, May

Three lovely song recitals were held in the lounge at St Marks and we were thrilled to feature the following singers- sopranos Carla Camillieri, Larrisa Kent, Sophia Yang and baritone Arthur Adams-Close and tenor Nathan Hauraki from Auckland University and Meghan Carppe, Emma Sloman, Dilys Fong and Michael Potts. Rosemary Barnes accompanied all the singers with her stunning skills and as a bonus for us all, played a gorgeous piano solo for each concert.



Youth Opera Class - Term 1

A talented group of young singers took part in our Term 1 Youth Opera Class. At the last class they performed the Hansel & Gretel dance duet and 'Noble Lady' chorus from The Marriage of Figaro for their family and friends. Thanks to our tutors including choreographer Emma Carr and Arthur Adams-Close.

