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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MARGARET STOCKTON

I missed that last concert as I was overseas, but I hear that it was very well received. So congratulations to our artists Dani Sicari, Samantha Clarke and Lochlan Brown and thanks to the team who organised it. I am so sorry to have missed such a great evening.

While I was away I was able to attend Jonathon Dove's 'Flight' at Mannes New York with Caitlin Cassidy (WAO Young artist last year) as the older woman. What a great production and some wonderful performances – Siman Chuang as the refugee, Caitlin and artistic director Joseph Colaneri conducting.

I also met with Caitlin Cassidy and Sarah Guilmartin, both studying at Mannes and heard about their life in NYC. As well as singing, they will talk about life in New York at the "On the Brink ..." evening on July 28th. That is a night not to be missed.

We have some great programs planned for the later part of this year so please note the dates in your diary.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank this year's committee members who are contributing so much to the development of Opera Lovers. More on the developments in the next newsletter.

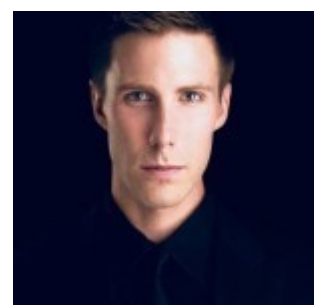
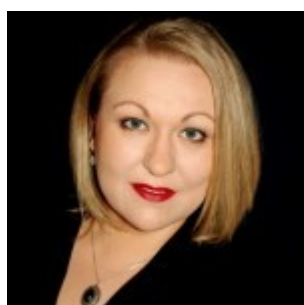
Margaret .

In the next issue we hope to feature an article on Brad Cohen Artistic Director—WA Opera

MENTORED ARTISTS

Ileana Rinaldi and Sam Roberts-Smith are Mentored Artists in West Australian Opera's Wesfarmers Arts Young Artists Program this year. We hope to feature them in our next newsletter and of course in our events.

The Mentored Artist program has been created to assist the continued development of young artists at a turning point in their development.



Two of our recent young artists Caitlin and Sarah have returned from New York following very successful study and performance overseas!

Take this opportunity to see, hear and speak with them!

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On the Brink: An evening with two divas in training

Caitlin Cassidy and Sarah Guilmartin, WAO Young artists in 2014, return from their first year at Mannes College, New York City to sing for us and to tell us about their experience in New York – at Mannes and in performance in the USA. They will sing arias and songs from their extended repertoire.

Come to hear them sing, to enjoy drinks and snacks and take up the opportunity to speak with them personally.



Please join us

Tuesday 28th July, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

In the Puccini Room and the Studio, 3rd Floor His Majesty's Theatre,
Hay Street, Perth (enter by the stage door)

Drinks and snacks will be served.

Price: \$35 - members; \$40 - non-members

Booking is through Trybooking. Click here <http://www.trybooking.com/141931>, or mail a cheque to the address below or call Melita 6389 1057 with credit card details

For further information Contact: Fran 63802651

The Society of WA Opera Lovers, PO Box 1126, West Perth, WA 6872.

Upcoming Events:

On the Brink—An evening with two Divas in Training 28 July 2015 at 6:00pm
Puccini Room—His Majesty's Theatre, as above

Farewell fundraiser 5 pm Saturday August 1st, Trinity Uniting Church, St Georges Terrace, Perth

An evening with WA Opera Mentored Artists—September 2015 further details to follow

WA Opera Lovers Breakfast by the Swan—Guest Speaker Brad Cohen Artistic Director WA Opera 4 Oct 2015 9:00am Matilda Bay Restaurant

High Tea with Teddy Tahu Rhodes - 30 Oct 2015 2:00pm Friends Restaurant Perth

WA Opera Lovers Annual Christmas Dinner 25 November 2015 at Hyatt Hotel Perth



FEATURED ARTIST AND COMMITTEE MEMBER
JENNA ROBERTSON

Scottish-Australian soprano, Jenna Robertson, is based in Perth and singing with the West Australian Opera Chorus. She also performs regularly with other groups in WA as both concert soloist and in principal operatic roles. Jenna's performed roles include the title role in *Anna Bolena*, Gretel *Hänsel & Gretel*, Gilda *Rigoletto*, Mimì *La Bohème*, Fiordiligi *Così fan tutte*, Laetitia *The Old Maid and the Thief*, Cunegonde *Candide*, Mabel *Pirates of Penzance*, and Christine *Phantom of the Opera*.

In concert she has performed with the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, South Side Symphony Orchestra, Albany Chamber Orchestra and the Perth Pops Orchestra in the Vienna Pops Concert in Perth Concert Hall.

Jenna graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a singing scholarship for the duration of her studies. In 2014 she was awarded a place in the Opera Studio at the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria with partial scholarship where she was able to work with international sopranos Linda Watson, Michele Crider and Gabriele Rechner. In 2013 she came first place in the Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition - Vocal Section in Queensland.

Earlier this year, Jenna joined the Committee of the WA Society of Opera Lovers. She is also President of the WA ensemble OperaBox and works for Chevron Australia as an engineer.

To read more about Jenna visit www.jennarobertson.com



WEST AUSTRALIAN OPERA presents.....

His Majesty's Theatre—14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25 JULY at 7:30pm



The production features former Young Artist Caitlin Cassidy. If you haven't already got a ticket don't miss this opportunity to see Caitlin! And to enjoy the opera of course.

Helpmann Award winning director Neil Armfield mixes surprising elements into a traditional setting, with lavish period costumes and a minimalist set alive with bold splashes of colour. Much like love, what appears to be simple is not and traditional ideas are turned on their heads in this much-loved classic opera. The beauty of Mozart's music ties it all together.

Opera Around Australia and the World

[Baltimore Opera Company](#)

[Bayerische Staatsoper/Staatsballet](#)

[Boston Lyric Opera](#)

[Budapest Opera House](#)

[Canadian Opera Company](#)

[Chicago Lyric Opera](#)

[Dicapo Opera Theatre](#)

[English National Opera](#) – with information on the season, and booking details.

[Israeli Opera](#)

[Lieder and song texts](#)

[Light Opera works](#)

[La Scala](#) – in Milan. With programme details and booking on line in Italian and English.

[Metropolitan Opera US](#)

[Opera companies on the web](#)

[Royal Opera House Covent Garden](#) – with online booking, details of stars and full program info.

[San Francisco Opera](#) – online booking, programme details

[Sydney Opera House](#)

[Stadt Bayreuth](#)

[Washington Opera Homepage](#) and of course

<http://www.waopera.asn.au/>

If you planning travel and are interested in attending an Opera, these useful links will take you to most Opera companies around the world. (Thanks to our Victorian colleagues for this list)

DONATIONS WELCOME

As you may be aware, all our fund raising both through ticket sales for our events and donations, goes to supporting young artists in WA. We welcome your donations, and of course all donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

If you would like to donate please transfer funds to our account BSB 036-082 Account number: 214292 and reference your name. Or send a cheque to our Treasurer at PO Box 1126, West Perth WA 6872.



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