





GIUSEPPE VERDI

# LA TRAVIATA

HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

*La Traviata*, one of the world's best-loved romantic operas, is performed under the stars on a floating, mirrored stage on Sydney Harbour, with the city, Opera House and Harbour Bridge acting as a stunning backdrop. Giuseppe Verdi's captivating music is performed with the orchestra concealed in a studio beneath the stage to ensure the finest amplified sound combines with the superlative singing of the cast.

Emma Matthews thrills as the courtesan Violetta who, against her better judgement, falls in love with Alfredo, the dazzling Italian tenor Gianluca Terranova. But their relationship is doomed on two counts: Violetta's illness, and society's moral views of a courtesan's place within their world. With a colossal, glittering Swarovski chandelier illuminating the stage and fireworks embellishing the night-sky this is a *La Traviata* without equal.

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**VIOLETTA VALÉRY** Emma Matthews  
**ALFREDO GERMONT** Gianluca Terranova  
**GIORGIO GERMONT** Jonathan Summers  
**FLORA BERVOIX** Margaret Plummer  
**DOCTOR GRENVIL** John Bolton Wood  
**ANNINA** Sarah Sweeting  
**GASTONE** Martin Buckingham  
**BARON DOUPHOL** James Clayton  
**MARQUIS D'OBIGNY** Christopher Hillier

**Opera Australia Chorus**  
**CHORUS MASTER** Michael Black  
**CHORUS PREPARATION** Anthony Hunt

**Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra**  
**CONCERTMASTER** Aubrey Murphy  
**CONDUCTOR** Brian Castles-Onion  
**DIRECTOR** Francesca Zambello

PLAYING TIME 123 MINS

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