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Opera at Jimbour returns: QLD Music Trails unveils a spectacular weekend of Opera, local food and natural beauty

QLD Music Trails is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated 21st year of the beloved now-annual event, Opera at Jimbour, from Friday 10 May to Sunday 12 May 2024.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Jimbour House, this three-day event promises a unique and immersive Southern Queensland experience like no other.

Prepare to be captivated by performances from internationally renowned Opera Queensland soloists Eva Kong, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, and Iain Henderson, joined by musicians from Ensemble Q, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University and Camerata – Queensland’s Chamber Orchestra.

From Sunrise poolside sessions to a Long Lunch in The Courtyard, Hangar Concerts, evening Garden Soirees, market stalls, family activities and tours of Jimbour House, each day will be filled with not only classical music performances, but a diverse tapestry of dining and cultural experiences.

Including a special Mother's Day program on Sunday featuring a high tea for Mum, complemented by enchanting intimate orchestral performances inside Jimbour House. Following on from their sell-out success last year, four of Opera Queensland’s leading artists will present recitals of much-loved opera classics in the House’s intimate and beautiful drawing room.

Daryl Raven, Acting CEO of QLD Music Festival, expressed excitement about the event's return, including the open-air Amphitheatre for the first time since 2019.

"We're thrilled to welcome back Opera at Jimbour, a cherished event that has captivated thousands of locals, travellers and opera lovers alike over the event's history, for this unique cultural tourism experience."

"The return of the Amphitheatre with a concert performance of Puccini's "Tosca" adds an extra layer of magic to Saturday, offering patrons the opportunity to experience world-class performances, against the picturesque backdrop of the Darling Downs, creating unforgettable memories for all."

The Hon. Michael Healy MP, Minister for Tourism, said that *"This signature event set against the backdrop of this historic home on the fertile Jimbour Plains is part of the Queensland Music Trails showcasing Queensland only tourism experiences to a soundtrack of Australia's finest musical acts."*

"The Miles Government is investing \$20 million in Queensland Music Trails over three years from 2023 to 2025 because we know events like this bring visitors from around the nation and from overseas, supporting good local jobs and our visitor economy."

"May sees the return of the Southern Trail which will once again feature the best of the Western Downs, following on from the 9-day Outback Trail commencing in Goondiwindi on 13 April!"

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch said Opera at Jimbour celebrates the beauty of opera and classical music amid the stunning historic surrounds of the Darling Downs.

"Events such as Opera at Jimbour provide a unique platform for Queensland's creative talent and help to grow regional development, attracting locals and visitors alike to share in exceptional arts and cultural experiences."

"The Queensland Government is committed to supporting live music and a pipeline of signature cultural events across the state through initiatives such as Queensland Music Trails, which create employment for Queensland"



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artists and arts workers and highlight the quality of our state's diverse cultural tourism offerings," Minister Enoch said.

Presenting Partner Opera Queensland, renowned for the exceptional talent of its artists, will bring Eva Kong (playing Tosca), Teddy Tahu Rhodes (playing Scarpia), and Iain Henderson (playing Cavaradossi) to grace the stage in the Amphitheatre at the iconic Jimbour House (recently featured in the global #1 Netflix streaming hit show *Boy Swallows Universe*), providing a captivating musical operatic journey throughout the weekend.

Opera Queensland CEO & Artistic Director, Patrick Nolan said that *"Opera Queensland's connection with QMF and Jimbour over the years has played an important role in our mission to share the wonder and joy of opera with audiences far and wide. The majesty and beauty of Jimbour House has made the perfect backdrop to performances that welcomed audiences onto the lawns to experience artists of the highest calibre sharing fine music and song."*

Trish and Paul Dean, co-Artistic Directors of Ensemble Q, have returned in 2024 to curate a beautiful program of chamber music to complement the majestic performance of Puccini's Tosca and our recital concerts. There are few other places as unique as Jimbour House where audiences have the chance to be immersed in music from sunrise to well after sunset."

Adding to the allure, Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra, will present their signature piece, 'Four Seasons Re-Imagined,' a re-composition of Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' by Max Richter on Saturday night, elevating the already extraordinary lineup.

Tickets go on pre-sale exclusively for subscribers on Tuesday 27 February, with General Tickets on sale Thursday 29 February. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the local sounds, flavours, culture, and arts.

Opera at Jimbour is presented by QLD Music Trails and Opera Queensland, with support from Venue Partner Jimbour House. QLD Music Trails are proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

For further information, ticket details, and the complete schedule, please visit <https://operaatjimbou.com.au/>.

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MEDIA ARE INVITED TO AN EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEEK: OPERA QLD'S TOSCA AT QLD MUSIC TRAILS' OPERA AT JIMBOUR

Media are invited to join QLD Music Trails and Opera Queensland as they lift back the curtain on some of the eagerly awaited performances at this year's Opera at Jimbour.

DATE: Tuesday 27 February

TIME: 10.30am

WHERE: Southbank Parklands (exact location to be provided Mon, 26 Feb)

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

Eva Kong + Keyboardist, John Woods (Opera Queensland Performers)

Queensland Music Festival Acting CEO – Daryl Raven

Opera Queensland CEO & Artistic Director – Patrick Nolan

VISUAL/AUDIO OPPORTUNITIES:

Exclusive performance by Eva Kong and keyboardist, John Woods.



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About QLD Music Trails: QLD Music Trails is a dynamic initiative created by the Queensland Music Festival, offering music enthusiasts an extraordinary way to explore the diverse musical landscapes of Queensland. With a commitment to bringing music to unexpected places and connecting communities through shared experiences, QLD Music Trails invites participants to embark on musical journeys that showcase the rich tapestry of Queensland's musical culture. Each trail is a unique adventure, weaving together performances by talented artists, the natural beauty of the Queensland landscape, First-Nations cultural experiences, and the warm hospitality of local communities. It's a platform where music becomes an integral part of the adventure, and where travellers become part of a musical family, celebrating the spirit of Queensland through harmonious exploration.



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