The Love for Three Oranges
June 22 – July 9 | 8 Performances | Starring David Parkin, Rosario La Spina, Sian Pendry and Andrew Moran

“This is a brilliant production, brilliantly sung, brilliantly played, which grabs the listener’s attention from the start and keeps it precariously spinning throughout, all for no apparent purpose other than to divert the eye and ear, while subverting the mind’s attempt at interpretation.” The Sydney Morning Herald

This Russian gem is juicy, sweet and a trifle acerbic, just like the proverbial oranges. A brilliant all-Australian cast performs the lively English translation by playwright Tom Stoppard (Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead).

Take a melancholy prince, a cantankerous witch and the curse of a love strange and strong: an unquenchable passion of unusual fashion for not just one orange, but three! Add an infectious march, some fantastical farce and a kingdom of curious characters, and you have Prokofiev's surreal, screwball fairytale for adults.

"The Love for Three Oranges is dynamic, it's vibrant, it's exciting and even when it's being lyrical it has a slightly edgy, percussive side to it," said Lyndon Terracini, Artistic Director of Opera Australia.

"This revival of Francesca Zambello's production is beautiful – the costumes are so vivid and exciting that the whole piece jumps off the stage at you."

With Tania Noginova’s fantastical and strange costumes - from bright and zesty tulle oranges to eye-catching green cacti, these are not merely garments worn but larger than life delights that add another dimension of fantasy to the stage. Equally wondrous is the world George Tsypin’s creates through his sets, with a large hospital bed and exotic leafy greens, you never quite know what is around the corner.

This all-star all Australian cast features David Parkin, Rosaria La Spina, Sian Pendry, Andrew Moran, Eva Kong and Julie Lea Goodwin to name few.

Running time
Approx 2hrs & 20mins including one interval.
Performed in English in a translation by Tom Stoppard, with surtitles