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World's favourite Butterfly returns to Sydney for special performances

Five new shows added to Opera Australia's summer season of *Madama Butterfly*



Opera Australia is pleased to announce the return of **Japanese soprano Hiromi Omura** to the Sydney Opera House to perform the title role in five additional performances during the Sydney season of *Madama Butterfly*. Due to high demand, five new performances (March 19, 21, 24, 26, 28) have been added to the season which now plays at **Sydney Opera House** from **27 January** until **28 March 2015**.

After wowing audiences with her breathtaking performance in this year's Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, Ms Omura returns to the Moffatt Oxenbould production where she made her company debut in 2012. Ms Omura joins Greek soprano Alexia Voulgaridou (27 January – 22 February) and Australian soprano Antoinette Halloran (25 February – 18 March) in the title role.

On her performance in 2012, *Stage Whispers* wrote, "Hiromi Omura lit up the stage and thereafter kept enchanting the audience with her sweet singing and fine acting." On her most recent performance at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, *Sunday Telegraph* wrote "Japanese soprano Hiromi Omura is sensational as Butterfly, her glorious, shining voice matched by wonderfully expressive acting."

"The artists and company of Opera Australia are delighted to welcome Hiromi back to Sydney to perform the role she has made her own," said Artistic Director, Lyndon Terracini AM.

"Audiences were in tears when she last performed at Sydney Opera House and most recently at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, so we are thrilled that she is available for these additional performances. With three outstanding sopranos taking on the title role, this season of *Madama Butterfly* is set to enchant audiences all summer," he said.

Tickets for the additional performances of *Madama Butterfly* are now on sale and tickets start at \$69. Visit www.opera.org.au or call the Opera Australia Box Office on 02 9318 8200.

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