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Anthony Pratt and Opera Australia join forces to present *Opera for the People*

Successful Australian businessman Anthony Pratt has teamed up with Opera Australia to present ***Opera for the People***, a free performance at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Taking place on Saturday 1 February 2020, this concert will bring together some of Australia's best singers along with Orchestra Victoria and a secret special guest for an evening of exhilarating performances of opera's best known arias.

Thanks to the generosity of Anthony Pratt – who is continuing his invaluable contribution to Australia's cultural landscape by introducing new audiences to opera and classical music - this wonderful night of entertainment will be free of charge, in an important effort to make the arts more accessible to Australians.

Anthony Pratt says: "I'm delighted to once again team with Opera Australia to popularise the classics and bring some of the world's most beautiful music to the people - and this time at such an iconic setting as the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

"There are few art forms more exhilarating than the experience of seeing and hearing dozens of world class musicians and singers live on stage.

"And once again, I can assure concert-goers that 'Opera for the People' will deliver a wonderful evening of entertainment - with music and arias from the most beloved operas."

Opera Australia CEO, Rory Jeffes, says "Opera Australia is committed to bringing world class opera to the widest possible audiences and it is a privilege to be involved in events such 'Opera for the People' that help us achieve this.

"This free, family friendly event offers Melburnians the chance to enjoy the soaring melodies of some of the world's greatest music, with the city skyline as the magnificent backdrop.

"We are excited to be partnering with Anthony Pratt to present this wonderful evening and we thank him for his generosity and ongoing commitment to and support of the arts."

Further information including presenters and performers will be announced closer to the event.

Performance information
8.00pm Saturday 1 February 2020
Sidney Myer Music Bowl

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