

MEDIA RELEASE: July 2009

Tarantara & Ooh La La!

A delightful concert of witty and whimsical operetta, with music by Gilbert & Sullivan, Jacques Offenbach, Franz Lehár and Johann Strauss, performed by artists from Stopera, the ACT's award-winning opera company.

Sunday 9 August 2pm
Tuggeranong Arts Centre



Enjoy an afternoon of 19th century romance and comedy as Stopera explores the wonderful world of operetta. The wit and bluster of the British music-hall, the old world romance and charm of Vienna, and the boulevard humour of belle-époque Paris are all captured in light-hearted music by the masters of operetta: Gilbert and Sullivan, Strauss, Lehár and Offenbach.

"Stopera is delighted to be part of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre's series of Sunday afternoon concerts," says Vivienne Winther, Stopera's Artistic Director.

"A brand new grand piano turns the Tuggeranong Arts Centre Theatre into an excellent recital venue for the ACT, that's ideal for this entertaining operetta concert."

The well-known performers featured in this concert are from Canberra's award-winning opera company, Stopera, and regularly appear in concerts and stage productions in the ACT and beyond.

Vivienne Winther is the pianist for this concert, and devised the program of operetta from three countries, which features the talents, both dramatic and comedic, of three very fine singers.

Rebecca Collins and Christina Wilson were soloists in the 2007 and 2008 Stopera spectaculars, *Opera by the Lake*. Paul Cambridge was an imposing King in Stopera's recent popular children's opera presented by Tuggeranong Community Arts, *The Frog Prince*, with Rebecca Collins playing a fairy-tale princess.

Popular arias, duets and ensembles from *The Mikado*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Merry Widow*, *Die Fledermaus* and *Tales of Hoffman* will delight audiences of all ages. Don't miss a light-hearted and enjoyable afternoon of music with Stopera, at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre on Sunday 9 August 2pm.

Details of artists and event summary follow on next two pages.

Media inquiries: For interviews with the artists and photos please contact Vivienne Winther: director@stopera.org.au ph 6232 4082 / 6230 7190



Stopera

EVENT SUMMARY:

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WHEN: Sunday 9 August 2pm

WHERE: Tuggeranong Community Centre, 245 Cowlshaw St, Tuggeranong

TICKETS: \$20 / \$15 concession

BOOKINGS & INQUIRIES: 6293 1443

MORE INFO: www.tuggeranongarts.com www.stopera.org.au

Media inquiries only:

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Left to right:

Stopera Tarantara 2:

Christina Wilson,
Paul Cambridge,
Rebecca Collins



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Christina Wilson,
Paul Cambridge,
Rebecca Collins



Stopera Tarantara 3:

Paul Cambridge,
Christina Wilson



Stopera Tarantara 4:

Rebecca Collins



Stopera Tarantara 5:

Christina Wilson,
Paul Cambridge,
Rebecca Collins

