



Opera House transforms into Sydney's ultimate summer destination

– Sydney Opera House gears up for summer with a scorching line-up of shows, tours and dining –

Sydney – Thursday, 26 November 2015. Day or night, the Opera House has become synonymous with summer in Sydney – offering a sizzling line-up of entertainment and experiences for families, kids and adults alike.

This year will be no different. From December to February – the precinct will come alive with an incredible program of shows, tours and dining options to help make the most of the warmer months.

Whether it's early morning yoga or brunch by the Harbour, an afternoon of free Creative Play with the kids or sipping champagne as the sun goes down before enjoying some vintage glamour in the new cabaret show *Blanc de Blanc*, the Opera House will be a place for everyone this summer.

Jade McKellar, Sydney Opera House's newly appointed Director of Visitor Experiences said: "Sydney attracted almost 3 million international and domestic visitors last summer. With numbers steadily increasing year on year, the 2015/16 season is shaping up to be bigger than ever.

"As Australia's number one tourist attraction and the world's busiest performing arts centre we have become the go-to summer destination in Sydney for locals and tourists alike. This year's program will bring together blockbuster shows and family fun with a range of specially created seasonal food and drink experiences, extended tours and one-off activations to bring this incredible building to life."

AROUND THE PRECINCT

- **Summer Playground** – For the month of January, the Western Broadwalk and Foyers will transform into an Italian Riviera. Alfresco dining, a pop-up bar and Italian menu options will create the perfect place to soak up Sydney's harbour views.
- **Morning yoga** – Salute the sun from one of the best waterside spots on the precinct with 7am – 8am yoga classes at Opera Bar. Tickets are \$35 and include breakfast. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout January.
- **The Bennelong Balcony** – Located outside on the upper podium, the pop-up bar will feature a Spritz and Bloody Mary menu and be accompanied by a snack menu including an Oyster Bar.
- **Brunch** – Ease into the morning with brunch at [Opera Bar](#) or [Opera Kitchen](#) with plenty of healthy or more decadent menu options to help you start your day.
- **Extended tours** – There's more time to explore one of the world's busiest performing arts centres with extra twilight tours now available at 5.30pm and 6pm. Discover what lies beneath the sails and hear the stories and history behind our national icon. Book [online](#) to save 10%.

ENTERTAINMENT

- **[Blanc de Blanc](#)** brings a touch of sparkle and vintage glamour to the Opera House, making its world premiere in the Studio this January. Created by Strut & Fret, the masterminds behind international festival sensations Limbo and Cantina, Blanc de Blanc combines cabaret, circus, comedy and acrobatics.
- **[The Illusionists 1903](#)** promises to transport audiences back to the golden age of magic, evoking a time when conjurers were the true rock stars of the day.
- Australian comedians don't come better, bigger or funnier than [Adam Hills](#) and [Judith Lucy](#).



- Influential producer and DJ [Four Tet](#) will bring his signature lush, live electronic show to the Concert Hall stage featuring an Australian-exclusive, live 3D-light experience.
- Balkan-rock superstar, composer and band leader, [Goran Bregovic](#) returns with his Wedding and Funeral Band, continuing his never-ending world tour of Gypsy-fuelled brilliance.
- NPR humourist and bestselling author [David Sedaris](#) will treat audiences to a reading from a selection of his renowned essays, focusing on new, unpublished work and diary entries.

KIDS & FAMILIES

- It wouldn't be Christmas without carols, and [Babies Proms: Jingle Bell Jazz](#) is the perfect sleigh ride through the classic Christmas song book, with a jazz and calypso twist. It's an ideal introduction to live music for children aged two to five.
- Let your love of nature bloom with [Get Grubby: dirtgirl's eco musical](#), the stage adaptation of Emmy Award-winning kid's TV series *dirtgirlworld*. Join dirtgirl, scrapboy and their garden gnome Costa (Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis!) on an eco-adventure.
- The kids can enjoy some summer fun with **Free Creative Play** in the Western Foyers. There'll be a sandpit, interactive performances and a sunny spot for parents to relax.
- Curious young minds have plenty to discover on the **Junior Adventure** during the summer holidays – a jam-packed journey through the Opera House with interactive activities and games for the whole family. Book online to save 10%.
- Planning your visit is simple with a **Day Pack** including a **Junior Adventure**, delicious lunch, souvenir photo and 15% off an A Reserve show ticket to [The 52-Storey Treehouse](#). Available 3-15 January, \$83.65 for children, \$108.65 for adults.

For the full calendar, check out sydneyoperahouse.com. Stay tuned for more summer announcements.

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Sydney Opera House

The Opera House is a masterpiece that belongs to all Australians. It is the country's number one tourist destination and its busiest performing arts centre, welcoming more than 8.2 million visitors a year on site and hosting 1,900 performances attended by 1.4 million people. On its 40th Anniversary in 2013, the Opera House embarked upon a Decade of Renewal to prepare it for future generations of artists, audiences and visitors.