



Dear AMPAG,

February may be short, but it will pack a punch. Theatre offers a powerful mix of timeless classics and contemporary works, including Alan Bennett’s uplifting *The Lady in the Van* (Melbourne Theatre Company), Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer prize-winning *Our Town* (Black Swan State Theatre Company), Arthur Miller’s incomparable *Death of a Salesman* (Queensland Theatre), a stinging new satire — *How to Rule the World* (Sydney Theatre Company), and Belvoir’s high-octane *Barbara and the Camp Dogs*, set to rock out at the Malthouse Theatre this month and Queensland Theatre in March after a sell-out season in Sydney.

Orchestras or operas — there’s plenty to choose from. The West Australian Symphony Orchestra’s season opens with *WASO’s Favourites*, while West Australian Opera and the City of Perth will stage a free performance of *La Traviata*. Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

kick off 2019 with their *Season Opening Gala*. Queensland Symphony Orchestra's *Heavenly* mixes Mozart and Mahler in their Master's Series, and master trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and his Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will perform with the SSO and the MSO. *The Brandenburg Concertos* reveal the imperishable genius of J.S. Bach at Australian Brandenburg Orchestra. State Opera South Australia's production of Purcell's *King Arthur* features legendary European ensemble Gabrieli Consort & Players; while renowned Wagnerian singers Katarina Dalayman and Peter Rose will join Melbourne's Derek Welton for Victorian Opera's new production of *Parsifal*.

There's Lunar New Year celebrations and don't miss one of summer's hottest tickets — the West Australian Ballet's world premiere of *In-Synch: Ballet at the Quarry*.

Kind regards,  
*Bethwyn Serow*

*Executive Director*  
**Australian Major Performing Arts Group**

**Image Credits:** *How to Rule the World* - Sydney Theatre Company

**Behind the Scenes**

## **In Conversation with Miriam Margolyes - Lady in the Van / MTC**

Miriam Margolyes – icon of film, TV and stage – shares her passion for stories that connect people.

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## **Richard Gill AO - Celebration of a Life**

Celebrate the life of the late musician and educator Richard Gill AO with music at the Arts Centre Melbourne on the 21



Feb. The celebration will include performances by Victorian Opera, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria, Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra, Australian National Academy of Music and Australian Youth Orchestra.

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## Celebrate Lunar New Year

Join the Lunar New Year celebrations with three of our orchestras, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

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### Upcoming Performances

West Australian Opera **Perth**

## City of Perth Opera in the Park, La Traviata

2019-02-02

West Australian Opera and the City of Perth present Verdi's masterpiece of love, hope and second chances in concert performance.



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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra **Adelaide**

## Season Opening Gala

2019-02-02

And we have lift off! The full strength of the orchestra is unleashed to launch 2019 in spectacular fashion.



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Malthouse Theatre **Melbourne**

## Barbara and the Camp Dogs

2019-02-07

Roar in on a motorbike, pull up a seat at the bar and settle in for unforgettable power ballads. Barbara fronts a pub rock band, captivating crowds with cutting wit, diabolical rage and unrepentant sexuality. She may be fun, she may be dangerous, and she may be speeding headlong towards a dead end.



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Melbourne Theatre Company **Melbourne**

## The Lady in the Van

2019-02-07

Touching, uplifting and heartbreakingly funny, *The Lady in the Van* is classic Alan Bennett. Share the fondness and frustrations of the legendary writer as he navigates life with a very peculiar tenant in this moving, bittersweet comedy.



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West Australian Symphony Orchestra **Perth**

## WASO's Favourites

2019-02-08

Our favourite artists, their favourite music, your favourite Orchestra.



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West Australian Ballet **Perth**

## **In-Synch: Ballet at the Quarry**

2019-02-08

Under the magical night sky surrounded by the magnificent City Beach Quarry Amphitheatre, be enthralled by the unique combination of contemporary dance and dining under a canopy of stars. Part of Perth Festival, Ballet at the Quarry is one of summer's hottest tickets.

This year, we proudly present In-Synch: Ballet at the Quarry; a series of three short works.

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Black Swan State Theatre Company **Perth**

## **OUR TOWN by Thornton Wilder**

2019-02-09

A Pulitzer prize-winning American drama and one of a kind theatre event that speaks to us on the urgent necessity of living in the here and now. The fictional town of Grover's Corner is brought to life, along with the town's inhabitants as if they were our very own neighbours.

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Queensland Theatre **Brisbane**

## **Death of a Salesman**

2019-02-14

The requiem for the American Dream that defined the 20th Century.

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Circus Oz **Adelaide Fringe**

# Neon

2019-02-14

A Circus Oz celebration of the gloriously gaudy, glammed up 80's, NEON is an unapologetic, funny, and downright dirty dancing cabaret.

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Sydney Theatre Company **Sydney**



# How to Rule the World

2019-02-15

A motley group of political operatives plot to take over the world – using a likeable white guy as a puppet. A new, hilarious stinging satire on Australian politics.

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Queensland Symphony Orchestra **Brisbane**



# Heavenly

2019-02-16

Be enchanted by Mozart's transcendental concerto, a realm of haunting melody, emotion and harmonic adventure that signalled new musical horizons.

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State Opera South Australia **Adelaide**



# King Arthur

2019-02-18

“CLOSE YOUR EYES AND IT’S CLOSE TO TIME TRAVEL...”  
– THE INDEPENDENT (UK)

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Victorian Opera **Melbourne**

## PARSIFAL

2019-02-20

From the prelude of Parsifal onwards, you will be mesmerised by music of sacred dimensions; a testament to the mystical power of harmony.

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Sydney Symphony Orchestra **Sydney**

## The Sydney Symphony and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

2019-02-21

Wynton Marsalis and David Robertson celebrate the brash, brassy, razzle-dazzle of New York City.

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Australian Brandenburg Orchestra **Sydney**

## The Brandenburg Concertos

2019-02-27



The Brandenburg Concertos reveal the imperishable genius of J.S. Bach. Experience these enduringly exquisite concertos in one unforgettable evening.



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