



# Opera Holland Park returns for a series of outdoor performances this summer

Press Release

July 2020

- Opera Holland Park (OHP) will present a series of outdoor performances this summer in the space where the theatre normally stands.
- The company held its first concert since lockdown this weekend. The performance sold out in less than 90 minutes.
- Further concerts include an evening of light music and operetta on 7 August, an evening of great operatic arias on 8 August, and a reduced and relaxed performance of *The Pirates of Penzance* on 2 August for families.
- Tickets for the remaining concerts go on sale to the public on Wednesday 29 July at 1pm. Priority booking is also available for OHP Members and Supporters.

Opera Holland Park is thrilled to be returning to Holland Park this summer for a limited series of outdoor performances. More information about these performances can be found below.

*Heart's Delight: An evening of light music and operetta*  
Friday 7 August, 6pm

Last seen at Opera Holland Park conducting Wolf-Ferrari's romantic comedy, *Il segreto di Susanna*, John Andrews has devised a journey through some of the most delicious comic operas from the Viennese, Parisian and London stages. Birdcatchers, gendarmes, lovers and policemen dance in and out of music by Mozart, Offenbach, Sullivan, Strauss and Lehár. Featuring Yvonne Howard, John Savournin, Fflur Wyn, Robert Murray and Alison Langer, with an ensemble of strings and woodwind from City of London Sinfonia, the programme is the perfect apéritif for a summer's evening at Holland Park. For more information visit <https://operahollandpark.com/events/hearts-delight/>.

*Opera Holland Park In Concert: The Encore*  
Saturday 8 August, 6pm

Following the company's homecoming concert on 25 July and to mark what would have been the closing night of the 2020 summer season, OHP is delighted to announce a further evening of great operatic arias on 8 August. This performance will feature singers including Natalya Romaniw, Jennifer France, Alison Langer, Nardus Williams, Ross Ramgobin, Anush Hovhannisyan, Aigul Akhmetshina, Samuel Sakker, Anna Patalong, Emma Stannard and Grant Doyle. Matthew Kofi Waldren returns to



conduct an ensemble drawn from resident orchestra, City of London Sinfonia. For more information visit <https://operahollandpark.com/events/opera-holland-park-in-concert-the-encore/>.

*The Pirates' Return*  
Sunday 2 August, 4pm

On Sunday 2 August the company's award-winning education and outreach team, *Inspire*, will present a reduced and relaxed performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's very model of British comic opera, *The Pirates of Penzance*, for families. This performance is a revival of a family production put together for Pirates to Penzance, an *Inspire* project which saw the cast travel from London to Penzance, performing to schools and care homes along the way. Revived by Rosie Purdie, with Stuart Wild as musical director, the homecoming cast includes Maciek O'Shea, Daisy Brown, Peter Martin, Alistair Sutherland, Lotte Betts-Dean, Matthew Kellett, Henry Grant Kerswell, Hannah Boxall and Sophie Dicks. More information: <https://operahollandpark.com/events/the-pirates-return/>

All performances will adhere to latest guidance from Public Health England. In accordance with the current guidelines on social distancing and outdoor performances, and in consultation with RBKC, the seating capacity for all performances is strictly limited to 200. Performances are completely open air, and will continue in rain or shine.

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## Notes to Editors

### 2021 Season Announcement

Opera Holland Park's 2021 Season with resident orchestra City of London Sinfonia will open on 1 June with new productions of Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen* and Mascagni's *L'amico Fritz*, and a revival of the company's celebrated 2018 staging of Verdi's *La traviata*. The company is working towards bringing the four productions that were cancelled due to COVID-19 to the stage as soon as possible.

For more information visit <https://operahollandpark.com/news/a-breath-of-fresh-air-announcing-our-2021-season>

### Pirates TO Penzance

On 28 February 2020, Opera Holland Park's education and outreach *Inspire* team set sail from London to Cornwall, taking John Savournin's OHP commissioned intergenerational production of Gilbert and Sullivan's tongue-twisting comic opera on tour to schools and care homes, funded by the company's Members and Supporters.

For more information visit <https://operahollandpark.com/projects/pirates-to-penzance/>



### **OHP Inspire and Virtual Open Day**

Opera Holland Park's International Opera Award-winning education and outreach project, *Inspire*, is continuing to work throughout the current health crisis with local partners including Age UK, using digital technology to reach isolated communities.

OHP also held a Virtual Open Day on Saturday 23 May with interactive online workshops, music and activities for all the family.

Find out more at: <https://operahollandpark.com/events/virtual-open-day-2020/>

### **OHP 2019 double bill of *Il segreto di Susanna* and *Iolanta* nominated for 2020 International Opera Award**

The Opera Holland Park 2019 Season double bill of *Il segreto di Susanna* and *Iolanta* has been nominated for Best Production at the 2020 International Opera Awards, alongside Bayerische Staatsoper / Royal Opera House, La Monnaie, Deutsche Oper am Rhein, Opéra de Lyon and Bayreuth Festival.

For more information visit: <https://operahollandpark.com/news/2019-double-bill-nominated-for-best-production-at-the-international-opera-awards>

### **Website and social media**

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