

Regional Children's Chorus Program

As part of the 2025 See It Live Theatre Season, Rockhampton Regional Council is bringing Opera Australia's *La Boheme* to the Pilbeam Theatre on Tuesday, 29 July 2025.

The Regional Children's Chorus Program is included in the National Tour. This program provides the opportunity for 4 – 15 children (aged 9 – 14) to participate in Opera Australia's (OA) production of *La Boheme*.

Chorus Requirements

Size of Chorus: Minimum of 4 children, maximum of 15 children.

Age of Chorus: Children aged 9 – 14 years old (children must have turned 9 prior to the performance day and cannot yet have turned 15 on the performance day).

Personnel Required

Choir Leader

This volunteer role will be responsible for teaching the music and guiding the students through the process with the help of OA staff and resources. The Choir Leader will set the rehearsal schedule. The Choir Leader will be required to hold a current Positive Notice Blue Card for child related work (or relevant state requirement).

Chaperones

Two chaperones are required to stay with the Children's Chorus throughout the entire performance. All chaperones are required to hold a current Positive Notice Blue Card for child related work (or relevant state requirement) for the performance day. Chaperones will be selected from the parents and legal guardians of the children who have been selected for the Chorus. The Choir Leader can count as one chaperone if they intend to stay with the students. If the Chorus is made up of a mix of genders, one male and one female chaperone must be present.

Choir Leader Workshop

OA will run a workshop with the Choir Leader prior to their rehearsals starting. More information on this to follow.

Costumes

Costumes will be provided by OA for the students to wear onstage, however children will need to bring their own base costumes; a white t-shirt or singlet for modesty, bike shorts or comfortable undergarments.

Students must wear closed in shoes (not opened toed) for all rehearsals and for the performance day. They can be casual shoes including sneakers, converse, high-tops, Ugg boots/slippers or gum boots. However, please ensure shoes do not slip off easily.

Please don't feel the need to purchase anything special for the performance – any shoes that fit this description that the children already own will work perfectly. They do not need to be new or pristine looking, and colourful choices are encouraged.

Photos

The Chorus will be photographed and used for marketing purposes for the production and tour of *La Boheme*.

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission

A parent or legal guardian must sign the Regional Children's Chorus Program Expression of Interest Form for their child.

Other Requirements

The successful children will need to register with OA and complete a Children's Chorus Permission Form. A link to this form will be sent to the relevant parent/legal guardian once the Children's Chorus has been selected.

Commitments and Dates

<i>Expression of Interest opens:</i>	Monday, 14 April 2025
<i>Expression of Interest closes:</i>	Monday, 28 April 2025
<i>Choir Leader Workshop:</i>	June/July 2025
<i>Rehearsal period:</i>	The Choir Leader sets the rehearsal schedule for the months of May, June and July 2025
<i>Chorus recording:</i>	2 weeks prior to the performance
<i>Rehearsal with Opera Australia Chorus Master:</i>	Monday, 28 July 2025*
<i>Show Day:</i>	Tuesday, 29 July 2025
<i>Show Day (times required):</i>	3:30pm – 10:05pm
<i>Performance:</i>	Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 7:30pm

*This rehearsal date is subject to change. This is a four-hour rehearsal, usually held between 4pm – 8pm