

Opera at its best



A *Gala Night at the Opera* is the first event in the series and promises to be a very special night of performance. The Monash University Choral Society is part of the line-up.

Featuring three of Australia's finest voices: Nicole Youl, pictured with Michael Lewis, and Rosario La Spina, arias and duets from some of the great operas – *Tristan and Isolde*, *Tannhauser*, *Carmen* and *Otello*, will be performed before the finale, a semi staged performance of the first act of *Tosca*.

Nicole Youl is one of Australia's leading sopranos. She enjoys a growing reputation in the works of Verdi and Puccini, having performed the title role in *Madama Butterfly* (Opera Australia), *Mimi* in *La Bohème* (OA, Opera Queensland, Paiz Festival in Guatemala) and the title role in *Tosca* (OA, Victorian State Opera) to mention just a

few. Michael Lewis is a Green Room Award winner and one of Australia's most respected singers. Highly regarded for his command of both the operatic and concert repertoire, he is in constant demand for performances around the world.

Rosario La Spina's career has seen him perform a number of the major roles in opera. He will perform the role of Cavaradossi in *Tosca*; the role in which he made his Opera Australia debut in 2005. Rosario is a regular guest soloist with the Sydney and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras and The Queensland Orchestra and appears on the CD/DVD *Classical Spectacular* with the MSO (ABC Classics).

May 16 at 8pm. Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University. \$20-39.

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