

**A bit about Co-Opera...**

In 2016 Co-Opera, Australia’s longest serving and busiest touring opera company, celebrated its 25th anniversary. The company was established in 1990 in South Australia by Brian Chatterton, David Cox and Tessa Bremner to provide professional development and performance experience for emerging artists, and to make high quality opera accessible and affordable to regional and remote Australians. It was created to be an adaptable company with innovative, flexible productions, purpose built for non-traditional venues and non-traditional audiences. A quarter of a century later Co-Opera is still at the forefront of providing a platform for emerging artists and of delivering opera and big city culture to regional and remote audiences. In doing so it has provided countless opportunities for Australian artists, arts workers and community artists. A significant percentage of Co-Opera singers, musicians and arts workers have gone on to employment in major opera companies in Australia and in many prestigious companies overseas. Co-Opera has toured every year since it began, visited every state and territory in Australia as well as numerous trips to SE Asia, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Co-Opera built its reputation on supporting and promoting Australian talent through performing well-known works in unusual venues, and over decades of travel to almost every corner of Australia, has also contributed significantly to enhancing the cultural landscape.