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**Co-Opera plots Revenge!**

**Co-Opera,** with the support of **Playing Australia,** is on the road in 2013 with a sparkling new production of Johann Strauss’ much loved ***Revenge of the Bat (Die Fledermaus)****.*

The national tour of this chic and funny adaptation, performed in English and set in the fizzy times of 1920’s Art Deco Australia, will make its way through Victoria, ACT and NSW before heading back to SA for regional and remote performances in May. Audiences will be lured in by this bubbly night out as central character, Eisenstein, plots to head to the party rather than go to gaol!

*The Revenge of the Bat,* traditionally known *as Die Fledermaus,* is world famous for its gorgeous music and its ability to cast its spell over audiences of all nationalities and ages. Johann Strauss, the King of the Waltz, cleverly weaves his glorious melodies around a lovable group of characters.

Director Frank Ford has rewritten the dialogue for the show to place it firmly and hilariously in 1920’s Australia, and has cleverly crafted it to fit with Co-Opera’s uniquely vivacious and irreverent style.

Recent public funding decisions did throw doubt on Co-Opera’s ability to mount this production but pledges from Melbourne based benefactors, Hans and Petra Henkell have made it possible for the company’s plans to proceed.

Co-Opera has been touring nationally and internationally for over 20 years and is proud to be able to continue to provide affordable and accessible opera to Australian audiences*.*

Join in the party as the champagne flows and Co-Opera’s sparklingly talented cast bring this enchanting score to life. *Revenge of the Bat (Die Fledermaus)* will delight people of all ages with this glamorous new production which in the Director’s words “…will surely have people singing it on the way home”.

**National Tour**: March, April and May 2013, ACT, NSW , VIC & SA.

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