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*Victorian Opera Presents, with ANAM as Presenting Partner, a Captivating Musical Experience:*

*Richard Strauss*

## ***Capriccio***

**Noteworthy:**

- Conducted by current Chief Conductor of Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Simone Young AM.
- Presented with rising stars from ANAM
- A rare chance to see a work by Richard Strauss
- Cast features renowned singers Samuel Dundas, Vida Miknevičiūtė and Deborah Humble
- One-night-only

*July 31, 2023*

Victorian Opera is thrilled to announce its latest production, *Capriccio*, conducted by Simone Young AM, who is widely considered one of the world's leading conductors. This remarkable production will grace the stage of Palais Theatre, St Kilda for one night only on Thursday July 31.

**The Eminent Presence of Simone Young AM**

At the helm of this grand musical voyage stands the illustrious conductor, Simone Young AM. With a distinguished career spanning decades and gracing renowned stages at the Vienna State Opera ("Elektra" and "Die Fledermaus") and the Metropolitan Opera ("Der Rosenkavalier"), Young, is considered a world-leading Strauss specialist and will bring an insight into every note and nuance of *Capriccio*.

Born in Sydney, Australia, Young's musical journey began at an early age. Her passion for conducting blossomed during her studies at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Throughout her career, she has held prominent positions Principal Guest Conductor of the Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne (2017-2020), Principal Conductor of the Bergen Philharmonic (1998-2002); Artistic Director of Opera Australia (2001-2003); Principal Guest Conductor of the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon; Artistic Director of the Hamburg State Opera and Chief Music Director of the Hamburg Philharmonic (2005-2015). She is the current Chief Conductor of Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

**About *Capriccio***

*Capriccio* is a masterful opera composed by Richard Strauss, with an intricate libretto by Clemens Krauss and Strauss himself. This poignant tale revolves around the theme of love, art, and the age-old question of which is more powerful: music or words? Set in the opulent and artistic world of 18th-century Paris, the opera weaves a lyrical and philosophical narrative that delves into the depths of human emotions.

### **A Stellar Cast working with ANAM**

Victorian Opera has assembled a stellar cast and creative team to bring this musical masterpiece to life. The production features world-class vocalists, Samuel Dundas, Vida Miknevičiūtė and Deborah Humble, each adding their own distinct flair to the characters they portray. The performance is also presented with the ANAM orchestra (Australian National Academy of Music) and will feature some of the most exiting young talents working in classical music today.

### **Ticket Information and Booking**

Tickets for *Capriccio* are now on sale and can be purchased through Victorian Opera or the Palais Theatre, St Kilda. Due to the anticipated demand for this enthralling production, early booking is highly recommended to secure the best seats.

### **About Victorian Opera**

Victorian Opera is the state's leading opera company renowned for its innovative and artistically compelling productions. With a commitment to presenting both classic and contemporary works, Victorian Opera has been delighting audiences for many years. *Capriccio* is yet another extraordinary addition to their impressive repertoire.

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For updates and further details about *Capriccio*, please visit the official website: <https://www.victorianopera.com.au/production/capriccio/>

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