

# 2018 Travel



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## OPERATUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to our 2018 travel launch, filled with music and fantastic destinations.

We are sending this to all travel customers one week earlier than other customers, to give you the first look.

Remember many of our trips for 2017 sold out within weeks so book early to avoid disappointment.

#### Here is a list of trips for 2018.

- Delve into the Deep South** 19-26 Feb
- Cruising the Hauraki Gulf** 5 - 10 Mar
- Music on the Murray River** 13 - 20 Apr
- Waterways of the Tsars** 7 -29 May
- Show Boat on the Mississippi** 11 - 30 May
- New Caledonia Music Festival** 9 - 16 Jul
- Discover the Northern Territory & Ghan** 10 - 19 Aug
- Canada & Alaska** 17 July - 7 Aug
- Italy Opera Tour** 18 July - 16 Aug
- Cruising the Adriatic - Croatia & Slovenia** 20 Aug - 13 Sep
- Samoa Music Festival** 22 - 29 Sep
- Southern Lakes & Fjords** 16 - 20 Oct
- Tasmania** 22 Oct - 2 Nov
- Taranaki Garden Spectacular** 28 Oct - 4 Nov
- Musical Gems of Europe at Christmas** 24 Nov - 14 Dec

#### Please have a look at the Summary Highlights brochure we have sent you.

The trips are also on our website, so feel free to check them out there.

Otherwise please don't hesitate to pick up a copy of the full itinerary at the concert or ring our office.



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# Travel News

## 2017 TRAVEL UPDATE

Many of our trips have already sold out for 2017. In fact, some sold out weeks after they were launched but we do have limited availability. Please contact us for more information or look on our website.

### THREE TENORS PORT DOUGLAS TOUR

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Travel with our three tenors, Sue and John to Port Douglas to experience a week of concerts and fabulous activities like Great Barrier Reef, Rainforest tours and enjoy our five star hotel with time to bask in the sun and escape our winter!

### NORFOLK ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

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We invite you to join Sue, John, Bonnie, Karl, Jess on violin and Reg on piano as we present exceptional concerts and introduce you to the history and beauty of this lovely island.

### SECOND USA AND CANADA IN THE FALL

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**NEWSFLASH!** We have secured tickets to:

- *Hello, Dolly* starring Bette Midler at the Shubert Theatre on Broadway
- Puccini's *La Bohème* presented by the Metropolitan Opera.

**This trip includes**

Vancouver, Victoria (with Butchart Gardens), Toronto (with Niagara Falls), 7 nights cruise Montreal to Boston (with Anne of Green Gables tour and Quebec), Portland, Newhaven, Boston, New York, Washington and Houston.



## News Flash

### KAIKOURA FUNDRAISER

Following our fundraiser last year we have allocated money to the local marae plus to a free concert including afternoon tea and to the Age Concern to use for free functions during the year.

So Tizane, Alex and Reg performed to a full house in Kaikoura a few weeks ago.

One Kaikoura resident said *'This concert was amazing. And oh the singing. Thank you for a magical afternoon.'* Everyone agreed that it lifted spirits and was a magical way to enjoy an afternoon. Thanks to everyone for donating, and to Lucy for coordinating it all.





We find that those who have not travelled with Operatunity often start with one of our New Zealand tours. It's a great chance to test us out, while experiencing music, arts and culture in fabulous New Zealand locations.

### WINTER WONDERLAND

(16 - 23 August 2017):

We journey through the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine train, marvelling at snow-capped mountains, lakes and incredible gorges.

We then explore the rugged West Coast with tours to the Punakaiki Rocks (pancake rocks), and Shanty Town with its exceptional gold mining display. We walk through the rain forests, travel down the amazing West Coast coastline, and to the glaciers.

All of this we combine with music, extraordinary experiences, and a heap load of fun with Alex and Lynette on board to help with the merriment.

### BE WOW'ED IN WELLINGTON

(21 - 25 September 2017):

We embark on a four day tour of Wellington and surrounds, enjoying an array of interesting flavours including the Brancott Estate World of Wearable Art show, Wellington and the Wairarapa areas with food, fashion and fun along the way!

Our last Wearable Arts weekend tour sold out in a few weeks and we are delighted to again present this fabulous event which is on the bucket list of so many.

### We love travel and we love music and we would love you to join us

“ You can never explain to friends how wonderful these trips are. You have to experience it yourself to know. ”

~ Ruth says after a recent trip to Samoa

...and from Jackie ~

“ We have come to expect nothing but perfection from you all and the trip to Art Deco Napier was no exception! ”

## Travel Team

Nice to put a face to a name - ring our fabulous dedicated travel team with any questions.



Sonja Stariha



Lisa Kennedy

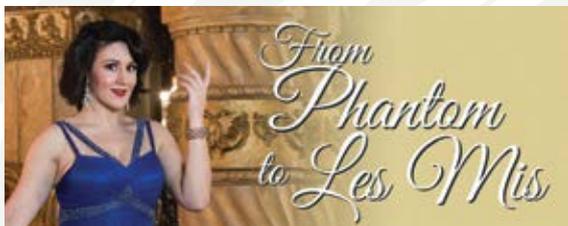


Raelene O'Loughlin



# Concert News

## UPCOMING CONCERTS...



### FROM PHANTOM TO LES MIS TOUR (16th May- 20th June):

This newsletter will span two concert seasons so if you haven't had a chance to, join us for *From Phantom to Les Mis* with Karl leading a great team of music theatre specialists.

We are delighted to introduce Rebecca Wright, who has been involved in musical theatre for many years, most recently performing the demanding role of Eva Peron in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Evita*. She played the title role in *Cinderella* and *Mimi (Rent)* both at the Civic Theatre and also the lead role of Pearl in *Starlight Express* 2009 NZ Arena tour.



Rebecca Wright



### IT'S RAININ' MEN! (23 June - 27 July 2017):

We introduce five fabulous men who can sing, dance and, ladies, are easy on the eye! We are delighted to announce that Cameron Barclay, the first New Zealand member of the Ten Tenors, will be joining Operatunity for our *Rainin' Men* tour in June and July. Cameron is a graduate of both the University of Auckland and the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington, where he studied singing, French and Italian. He has performed extensively throughout New Zealand and abroad on both the opera and concert stage. Joining him is Bonnie, Rutene and Robert from our Rat Pack show and music theatre star Rory Nolan.

Songs include *My Way*, *Its Rainin Men*, *YMCA*, *Oh What a Night* and *Bohemian Rhapsody* plus those made famous by groups like The Beatles, Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons, Sister Act and the Platters.



Cameron Barclay

## News Flash

### SISTEMA UPDATE



We're pleased to be able to confirm that our recent fundraising drive for Sistema Aotearoa has raised \$11,000 and has led to over 70 instrument donations from Operatunity Patrons. Thanks to all for your incredible generosity.

Sistema Aotearoa's Programme Manager Ros Giffney has asked us to pass on their gratitude at the incredibly generous donation from our Daytime Concert Family: *'Assuring the sustainability of our work in Otara is of prime concern and knowing that we have the backing of people like your audience and organisations like Operatunity in the community is humbling and very encouraging. Without it we simply wouldn't be able to offer these students this chance.'*



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