

Operatunity Newsletter

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Season Launch

2018 is looking to be our biggest year yet! With eight concert tours and 16 trips, our performers and escorts are ready to give you the best experiences and memories with Operatunity.

In 2018 we are re-vamping everyone's favourites like the *Rat Pack* and our pantomime and introducing new concerts like *Divas & Divos* and *Tennessee Waltz*! We have put together spectacular trips for 2018, both nationally and internationally, including New Caledonia on Bastille Day with Suzanne Lynch, Sue, John, Bonnie and Karl to entertain, Tasmania with singalongs by John and Lynette, and Samoa with both our own musicians and the Samoan singers, cultural performances, children's school choir and church services. It is going to be a year of fun and fantasy and we invite you all to join us!



Season Pass

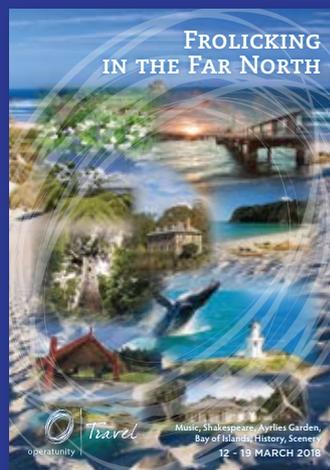
Buying a Season Pass is the most economical way to attend Operatunity shows. Season Pass holders get access to special concert offers and the first 200 people to book will be sent a free 2018 Operatunity Calendar. Buying a 2018 Season Pass before December 19 also automatically puts you in the draw to win a trip for two on our Frolicking in the Far North trip in March 2018. Call our lovely team at the office to purchase your season pass now or purchase at your next concert!



Prize Giveaway for Season Pass holders We are giving away a trip for two in 2018!

Our trip up for grabs is Frolicking in the Far North, March 12-19.

This tour explores the beauty and the history of the north, from bustling Auckland to the very top of New Zealand, Cape Reinga. This tour matches each beautiful setting with iconic concerts such as *How Does Your Garden Grow* at Arylies Garden, *Wine, Women and Song* at Marsden Estate vineyard and *Mystic Melodies* at Russell's Christ Church. Our escorts Sue, Karl and Tizane will be adding their own special flavour to these fabulously themed concerts. Enter this amazing competition by purchasing a 2018 Season Pass by December 19 and you are automatically in the draw. The winner will be drawn on December 19 at the last concert for 2017 in Botany. Call our fantastic office team to purchase your season pass now!





Welcome to the 2018 Concert Series

As we launch our 2018 concert brochure, John and I are very excited to be moving into our 17th year of Operatunity.

We have never lost the zeal and enthusiasm for what we do, who we meet and who we have the privilege of working with. We look forward to another wonderful year ahead with exceptional tours and concerts.

Over the past year, John and I have been pondering the price structures for our concerts. We have come up with a rather radical new pricing structure which is explained more fully later in the newsletter and in the brochure. The aim of this new system is to have a wider range of price points with a more worthwhile discount for those who buy a season ticket or a Pick 'n' Mix ticket, that is those who come to a significant number of concerts over the year. As we all get used to this new system please do not hesitate to talk to us at the concert or ring the office for further clarification.

Enjoy our exceptional 2018 programme of concerts and travel and thank you for your continued loyalty and enthusiasm for what we do.

With love and thanks,

Sue & John

Sue Boland and John Cameron



Gift Vouchers

Does your friend or family member love Operatunity concerts?

Do you want to introduce them to the concerts you love so much?

Why not present them with an Operatunity Daytime Concerts gift voucher!

These can be purchased by ringing the fabulous office team.

CDs & DVDs

Relive the melodies & magic of the concerts at home with our concert CDs and DVDs.

We have our *Rat Pack* (DVD only), *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, *3 Tenors & A Soprano*, and our *Waitomo Caves Opera Gala* recorded concerts available on CD for \$20 and DVD for \$25. Pick them up through our office or at your next concert!



Calendars

Our 2018 calendars are now available, and the first 200 people to purchase a 2018 Season Pass will receive one free! These calendars include all New Zealand public holidays and come with Operatunity stickers so you never miss a concert!



Concert News

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Fantastic array of concerts in 2018!

Our concert preparations are in full swing and 2018 is looking to be a year filled with laughter, melodies, opera and antics. Opening with *Luck of the Irish*, we'll laugh at the odd Irish joke and be amazed by virtuoso fiddling. Following this will be *Rat Pack Returns*; back with a band we will enjoy classic numbers with some antics along the way.

Our next concert is all up to you! In a concert we call *Because You Asked For It*, concert-goers request songs you want to hear from our performers Karl, Alex, Tizane, Rebecca, Stu and Penny. By entering, you automatically go into the draw to win a trip for two on our Taranaki Tour, where you will experience the annual garden festival and the natural attractions of the West Coast. Sign up to our email mailing list to keep up to date and receive an official entry form.

Now loosen those hips because Rock 'n Roll will be taking over the stage in our show *Shake, Rattle & Roll*, where Bonnie, Karl and our band are joined by special guests Pat Ulrich and Suzanne Lynch!

The *Golden Era of Musicals* follows, with Sue & John as our own Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald and our music theatre specialists, with memorable melodies from the likes of *Show Boat*, *My Fair Lady* and *The Sound of Music*.

Our next concert *Tennessee Waltz* showcases songs by the likes of Dolly Parton, Connie Francis and Doris Day, performed by guest stars Marian Burns, Suzanne Lynch and Karen Davy.

Divas & Divos follows, reviving some of the greatest singers of all time including Mario Lanza, Joan Sutherland, Maria Callas and Pavarotti, in a similar multimedia biography style to our 2015 Mario Lanza concerts.

And last but certainly not least, we invite you to celebrate Christmas with laughter and tomfoolery with our ugly sisters Bonnie and Karl in *Cinderella - A Christmas Pantomime*.

Price Restructure

In 2018, we are changing our pricing structure to provide a more significant discount to loyal concert-goers, and have more group ticket options.

Firstly, our **Pick 'n' Mix ticket** lets you choose and pay for four or more concerts at \$30 per ticket.

Starting at \$120, the Pick 'n' Mix tickets must be paid for in advance to receive the \$30 discount price.

Group discounts will start from groups of 5 or more!

- Groups of 5+ = \$32
- Groups of 10+ = \$31
- Groups of 30+ = \$30 and one free ticket for the group organiser

Please note that group prices will be strictly adhered to.

And finally, the price for a **standard ticket**, whether purchased in advance or on the day, will be \$35. A standard ticket is suited to those who want the flexibility of booking and paying as you go for 3-or-less tickets or on a one-off basis. As usual these include all tickets bought online and through the office, or at the door on the day.

We thank you for your support, and any questions you may have about this new price structure can be answered by our helpful office team.



Luck of the Irish

Jan ~ Feb 2018



Because You Asked For It

Apr ~ May 2018



The Golden Era of Musicals

Jul ~ Aug 2018



Divas & Divos

Oct ~ Nov 2018



Rat Pack Returns!

Feb ~ Apr 2018



Shake, Rattle & Roll

Jun ~ Jul 2018



Tennessee Waltz

Sep ~ Oct 2018



Cinderella

Nov ~ Dec 2018

Remaining Shows

After our August-September flag waving and fun concert, the *Last Night of the Proms*, a concert of hits from the *Fabulous 50's*, with Karl and special guests Suzanne Lynch and Pat Ulrich singing songs from Doris Day, Connie Francis, and Elvis.

Sue, John, Bonnie, Karl, Lynette and Paul see us off with classic Christmas songs in our final concert *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, to finish the year with cheer!



Travel News



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SUMMARY OF TRIPS

Operatunity is all about music and we are delighted to confirm the following musical content for 2018 trips. More details will come as 2018 show and opera programmes are announced.

All the trips for 2017 are selling extremely well, with the only remaining availability being 1 room on Be WOWed in Wellington (September) and 8 spaces on Norfolk Music Festival (October/November).

For 2018, space available as follows:

Delve into the Deep South
(February) Match-up required

New Caledonia Music Festival
(June) Spaces available

Frolicking in the Far North
(March) 7 Spaces left

Canada & Alaska
(July/August)
SOLD OUT - Waitlist available

Sydney Spectacular Opera & Shows
(March) Spaces available

Italy Opera Tour
(July/August) Spaces available

Southern Lakes & Fiords
(October) Spaces available

Music on the Murray
(April) 6 Spaces left

Discover the Northern Territory and Ghan (August) Spaces available

Tasmania, National Parks & History (October/November) Spaces available

Russia – Waterways of the Tsars
(May) (April) 12 Spaces left

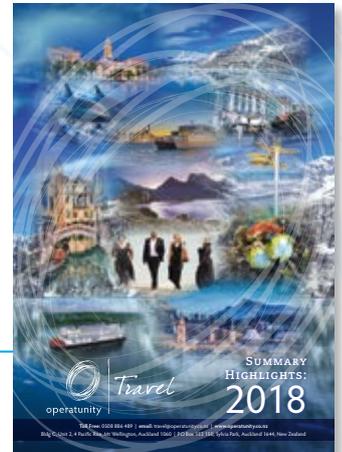
Croatia & Slovenia – Cruising the Adriatic (August/September)
SOLD OUT - Waitlist available

Taranaki Garden Spectacular & Chateau (October/November) Spaces available

Show Boat on the Mississippi with New York (May)
SOLD OUT - Waitlist available

Samoa Festival of Music
(September) Limited spaces left

Musical Gems of Europe at Christmas (November/December) 12 Spaces left



Featured Trip: Sydney

We are delighted to announce our Sydney 2018 trip to experience the Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour. Next year the opera is Puccini's greatest masterpiece *La Bohème* which we will see with harbour bridge and Sydney Opera House as our backdrop. The trip will go in late March. We have confirmed seats for *La Bohème* and an Opera Gala concert at the Sydney Opera House, presented by stars of Opera Australia. The trip will include one more show, tentatively *Mamma Mia* plus 2 dinner shows presented by Sue & Karl.



Musical Highlights



Russia

In Russia we attend the Bolshoi Opera in Moscow and now confirmed tickets for the ballet, *Sleeping Beauty* at the famous Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg plus confirmed Russian folklore concert, Moscow Circus and Red Army Choir.



Music on the Murray

We will be touring with some of New Zealand's best musicians including concert pianist Stephen De Pledge, violinist Jessica Hindin, the 3 tenors, Sue and Amanda Atlas and we are delighted to announce Rutene Spooner from *It's Rainin' Men* will be presenting his One Man Show!



Italy

Carmen and *Aida* at the Roman Amphitheatre in Verona - tickets now confirmed. This trip includes at least seven operas or opera concerts throughout Italy, including an opera at the Puccini Festival in Lucca.



Musical Gems of Europe

We journey to four musical "capitals" of the world at Christmas & experience Advent & Christmas concerts, Vienna Boys Choir Mass, at least three operas, special events like private concerts in Godollo Castle & the magnificent Academy of Science building in Budapest, Mozart Advent Concert in Salzburg & Strauss concert in Vienna.