



La Bohème at the Joburg Theatre in July

Gauteng Opera

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Gauteng Opera presents the most romantic opera, Giacomo Puccini's La Bohème, at the Joburg Theatre from 18 - 23 July 2017.

During July, Gauteng Opera will present one of the most well-known and all-time favourite operas on the regular opera performance circuit: La Bohème, generously supported by the Joburg Theatre, Classic FM and Creative Feel.

From 18 to 23 July 2017, Gauteng's most vibrant opera company will present this heart-warming opera by composer Giacomo Puccini, with the libretto written by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa. The opera premiered on 1 February 1896 at the Teatro Regio in Turin, Italy.

Gauteng Opera is proud and honoured to invite South African bass, currently working extensively in Europe, Vuyani Mlinde, to perform the role of Colline. Vuyani was the first "incubator" with Gauteng Opera (then known as Black Tie Ensemble) in 2001. By 2004 he left South Africa to become a member of the young artists programme of Covent Garden in London and has never looked back. We are proud to welcome back one of our own. Other cast members include Khayakazi Madlala as Mimi, Phenye Modiane as Rodolfo, Litho Nqai and Zita Pretorius as Musetta and Solly Motaung will sing the role of her jealous lover, Marcello.

Gauteng Opera is once again proud to work with the Gauteng Opera Orchestra, who will be conducted by Eddie Clayton. Gauteng Opera CEO, Marcus Desando will direct this brand-new production with set design by exciting new designer, Lungile Cindi and lighting design by Simon King.

This 'human' opera revolves around four friends - especially two of them; Rodolfo, a poor poet who falls in love with Mimi, a neighbour in the building where they live and Marcello who has a stormy relationship with Musetta. The story is universal and ageless. The new Kobbés Opera book describes it as follows: "In La Bohème, Puccini's melodic invention and its turn to expressive use is at fullest flood, and he combines it with an epigrammatic, conversational conciseness that is unique in his output, technically adroit though that always is."

Performances of La Bohème will take place on Tuesday, 18 July at 20:00, Thursday, 20 July at 20:00, Saturday, 22 July at 20:00 and Sunday, 23 July at 15:00. Tickets range from R200 – R500 and are available online at Telephone 0861 670 670, online at www.webtickets.co.za or www.joburgtheatre.com and in person at the Joburg Theatre box office.

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