

WELCOME DINNER

PALYA

Palya, pronounced pahl-yah, meaning hello / goodbye
/ thank you / welcome.

We are honoured to welcome you to Uluru, the spiritual heart of our
country, for the return performance by Opera Australia.

TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE INCLUDES

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The Marriage of Figaro

Accompanied and hosted by Vladimir Fanshil

'Giunse alfin il momento...Deh vieni non tardar'

Sophie Salvesani, Soprano

'Voi che sapete che cosa è amor'

Agnes Sarkis, Mezzo Soprano

'Hai già vinta la causa...Vedrò mentr'io sospiro'

Luke Gabbedy, Baritone

'Non più andrai farfallone amoroso'

Samuel Dundas, Baritone

VOYAGES

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FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, OPERA AUSTRALIA

The underlying theme of this weekend is about forgiveness and redemption. During the fourth act of *The Marriage of Figaro* you will hear the Count ask his wife for forgiveness. It is a very moving climax to the entire opera and it's one of Mozart's most beautiful melodies. Similarly with our dinner this evening.

It is about sharing a meal together, exchanging stories and embracing each other with an openness of mind and spirit which then allows us to be moved by the power of this ancient land and by the extraordinary music we bring to its sanctity. I hope you enjoy this ceremony of celebration.

Lyndon Terracini AM, Artistic Director

FROM VOYAGES INDIGENOUS TOURISM AUSTRALIA

While many of you may have seen opera performed in a more traditional setting, we hope you agree that this experience is enhanced by the natural surroundings – the ghost gums, the star filled skies and the incredible union of a contemporary cultural activity with the Indigenous culture which surrounds us.

Thank you for joining us at this very special place – we invite you to enjoy your weekend with us and trust you will take away some wonderful memories of this experience.

Matthew Cameron-Smith, Chief Executive Officer



MENU & WINE PAIRINGS

ENTRÉE

Kangaroo Tartar, Wattleseed Lavosh, Ice Plant Gin
Compressed Cucumber, Green Ants and Celery Salt

Black Risotto with Baby Onion Truffle Cream,
Aged Parmesan, Basil (v)

Nanny Goat, Pinot Noir, Central Otago, NZ

MAIN

Glacier 51 Toothfish, Crush Desiree Potato, Beach
Succulant, Desert Lime, Lemon Myrtle and Caper Cream

Organic Eggplant, Pickled Chilli and Red Cabbage, Onion
Soubise Goats Curd (v)

The Other Wine Co. Pinot Gris, Adelaide Hills, SA

DESSERT

Desert Lime Brulee / Blood Orange / Mandarin, Pistachio,
Mango Mouse Wattleseed Meringue

Monteforte Section Cheese, Granny Smith Apple and
Quandong Compote, Truffle Bush Honey
Wattleseed Lavosh (v)

Chambers Rutherglen Muscat, Rutherglen, TAS

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia's mission is to support Indigenous communities through training and employment, as well as creating business opportunities through tourism. We have initiatives in place to support Indigenous Australians such as our National Indigenous Training Academy, the new Gallery of Central Australia and the Anangu Communities Foundation.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TRAINING ACADEMY (NITA)

NITA offers market leading training and employment programs to Indigenous Australians with the goal of empowering a growing Indigenous workforce. This unique training, working, and residential program supports trainees to participate in the local community, learn life skills and build a solid foundation for their future career. NITA has helped over 600 young Indigenous Australians successfully complete a qualification to date. Make sure you pop into Kulaṭa café while you are here and meet some of our trainees and hear their story.

GALLERY OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA (GOCA)

GoCA is an immersive celebration of Central and Western Desert art. It is a cultural hub that inspires and educates visitors about Indigenous art and culture through revolving exhibitions, enriching art discussions and artist-in residence programs. Any purchase supports the talent and dedication to these artists, allowing them to express their culture and sustain their communities.

GoCA is open daily and is located adjacent to the Desert Gardens Hotel.

ANANGU COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

The Anangu Communities Foundation supports the Anangu communities of central Australia by funding initiatives across healthcare and education, as well as economic and social participation.

Thanks to the support and generosity of guests and staff as well as corporate contributions, the Foundation has allocated more than AU\$1,000,000 to support the development of health and medical facilities, educational programs for the youth, cultural and community projects and more.

If you would like to support the Foundation, donations can be made online, through your room account or at any of the tap and go locations throughout the Resort. Ayers Rock Resort matches all guest contributions dollar for dollar up to \$200,000 annually.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to both the Opera Australia and Voyages teams who have worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. Most importantly, we would like to thank you, our audience, for your patience with the rescheduling of performance dates and for travelling to join us for this celebration of opera in the spiritual heart of Australia.