

TOSCA

GIACOMO PUCCINI

NEW PRODUCTION

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 April at 7.30pm

**Conducted by Joseph Colaneri
with Teddy Tahu Rhodes,
Anke Höppner and Dario Volonté**

Sung in Italian with English surtitles



Presented by arrangement with Opera Australia and directed by British director Christopher Alden, this non-traditional production of TOSCA “clears away the cobwebs of tradition and sentiment that have formed around this familiar piece”.

Set in a dingy church basement TOSCA tells the story of two lovers, the painter Mario Cavaradossi and the singer Floria Tosca, who are caught in a web of political cruelty controlled by the ruthless Baron Scarpia. Scarpia is overcome with jealous desire for Tosca and threatens to torture Cavaradossi into disclosing the whereabouts of Angelotti, an escaped revolutionary.. When Scarpia attacks Tosca, she kills him. Tosca, thinking she has escaped her tormentor, dreams of liberty and freedom with Cavaradossi; however he has been shot by Spoletta, one of Scarpia’s henchmen.

Featuring the rich, resonant voice of Teddy Tahu Rhodes as *Baron Scarpia*, German born soprano Anke Höppner as *Floria Tosca* and Argentinian tenor, Dario Volonté as her lover, *Mario Cavaradossi*, TOSCA features some of Puccini’s most lyrical arias. .

With the West Australian Symphony Orchestra and West Australian Opera Chorus, this all-star cast of TOSCA will present a tangled web of love, corruption and revenge.

Tickets on sale now at all BOCS ticketing outlets on 9484 1133 or on www.bocsticketing.com.au.

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