



## **Bella Marslen, soprano**

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### Biography

Born in Perth, Western Australia, Bella began her love for classical voice in 2010 when she was selected to sing in the children's chorus for West Australian Opera's *Pagliacci*. The experience of being surrounded by glorious operatic voices inspired her to consider a career in Classical Performance, which she has pursued ever since.

Bella's formal tuition began successfully, with winning first prize in the 2017 Royal Overseas League Junior Singing Award Competition, followed by the 2017 WAAPA Friends of the Academy 1st Year Singing Prize. In the final year of her bachelor's degree, Bella was awarded the 2020 Royal Overseas League Art Song Prize, the 2020 Opera Lovers Aria Competition First Prize, and the 2020 Dame Mary Gilmore Award for the highest graduating Female Classical Voice student at WAAPA.

Since graduating, Bella has taken on her first principal role as "Lauretta" in Freeze Frame Opera's 2021 production of *Gianni Schicchi*. She is a 2022 / 2023 Wesfarmers Arts Young Artist with West Australian Opera.