

# 2024 ASC SEMI FINALS CONCERT



4:30pm Sunday  
18 August

Independent Theatre  
North Sydney

**The Independent Theatre**  
**269 Miller Street, North Sydney**  
**Sunday 18 August, 4:30pm**

The IFAC Handa Australian Singing Competition provides cash prizes, awards and career development opportunities for young opera and classical singers. It is the home of the Marianne Mathy Scholarship, also known as 'The Mathy'.

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**Adjudicators**

Natalie Aroyan  
(National  
Adjudicator)

Nicole Dorigo

Tahu Matheson

Benjamin  
Rasheed

Barry Ryan OAM

**Compère**

Camille Merčep

**Guest Artists**

Emilia Antcliff  
Amanda Chen

**Personnel**

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# PROGRAM

**Aidan Hodder**

'Tutto è  
disposto... Aprite  
un po' quegli  
occhi'

**Le nozze di  
Figaro**  
/ Mozart

**Bonnie Staude**

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

**Le nozze di  
Figaro**  
/ Mozart

**Molly Ryan**

'Temerari...  
Come scoglio'  
**Così fan tutte**  
/ Mozart

**Georgia Cooper**

'The Soldier's  
Wife'  
**Opus 8, No. 4**  
/ Rachmaninoff

**Lisette Bolton**

'Ach, ich fühl's'  
**Die Zauberflöte**  
/ Mozart

**Ariana Ricci**

'Du bist die Ruh'  
**N/A (D.776)**  
/ Schubert

**Ruth Burke**

'Nacqui  
all'affanno... Non  
più mesta'  
**La Cenerentola**  
/ Rossini

**Leon**

**Vitogiannis**  
'Chanson du  
pêcheur'  
/ Fauré

**Jake Lyle**

'Questo Amor,  
Vergogna Mia'  
**Edgar**  
/ Puccini

**Eden Shifroni**

'Oh! Quand  
je dors'  
/ Liszt

**INTERVAL**

**Aidan Hodder**

'Chanson  
épique'  
**Don Quichotte  
à Dulcinée**  
/ Ravel

**Bonnie Staude**

'As it is, plenty'  
**On This Island -  
Op. 11, No. 5**  
/ Britten

**Molly Ryan**

'Verborgenheit'  
**Mörike Lieder**  
/ Wolf

**Georgia Cooper**

'Dieu! Quel  
frissons... Amour,  
ranime mon  
courage'  
**Roméo et  
Juliette**  
/ Gounod

**Lisette Bolton**

'Nature, The  
Gentlest Mother'  
**Twelve Poems  
of Emily  
Dickinson**  
/ Copland

**Ariana Ricci**

'Bel raggio  
lusinghier'  
**Semiramide**  
/ Rossini

**Ruth Burke**

'Holy Thursday'  
**A Song For The  
Lord**  
/ Walton

**Leon**

**Vitogiannis**  
'Mein Sehnen,  
mein Wähnen'  
**Die Tote Stadt**  
/ Korngold

**Jake Lyle**

'Die beiden  
Grenadiere'  
**Romanzen und  
Balladen**  
/ Schumann

**Eden Shifroni**

'O luce di  
quest'anima'  
**Linda di  
Chamounix**  
/ Donizetti

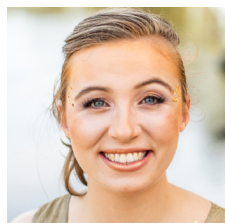
**GUEST ARTIST  
PERFORMANCE**

**Emilia Antcliff  
Amanda Chen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Natalie Aroyan  
Prizes and  
Awards  
Selection of  
Finalists

# OUR ARTISTS



**Lisette Bolton**  
Soprano  
VIC



**Ruth Burke**  
Mezzo Soprano  
WA



**Georgia Cooper**  
Soprano  
NSW



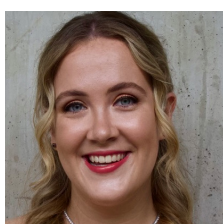
**Aidan Hodder**  
Baritone  
QLD



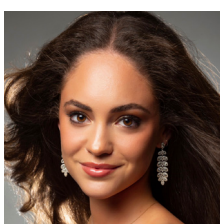
**Jake Lyle**  
Baritone  
QLD



**Ariana Ricci**  
Soprano  
NSW



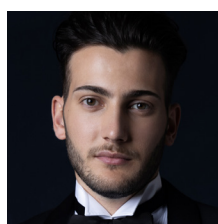
**Molly Ryan**  
Soprano  
NSW



**Eden Shifroni**  
Soprano  
NSW



**Bonnie Staude**  
Soprano  
WA



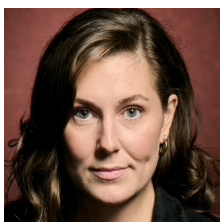
**Leon Vitogiannis**  
Baritone  
NSW



**Camille Merčep**  
Compère



**Bradley Gilchrist**  
Collaborative  
Artist



**Emilia Antcliff**  
Guest  
Artist



**Amanda Chen**  
Guest  
Artist

# ASC FINALS CONCERT

Join us at the IFAC  
Handa Australian Singing  
Competition Finals Concert at  
The Concourse, Chatswood.  
**19 September, 7pm**

Visit [aussing.org](http://aussing.org)  
for tickets.  
Use promo code  
'SFP24' for  
a 50% discount.



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# 2024 SEMI-FINALS OPPORTUNITIES & PRIZES

## **Tinkler Encouragement Award**

\$500 awarded to a singer not selected as a Finalist.  
Sponsored by the Tinkler Trust.

## **Ingrid Davidson Prize**

Use of an upright piano made by Richard Lipp of Stuttgart for 2 years.  
Provided by Steve Davidson and Sheila McKechnie.

## **Songmakers Prize**

Opportunity for a Semi-Finalist to participate in a 3-day Master Class in 2025 presented by Songmakers Australia.  
Sponsored by Songmakers Australia.

## **Jane Ede Prize**

10 one-hour private lessons or mentoring sessions with celebrated soprano, Jane Ede.  
Sponsored by Jane Ede.

## **Andrea Catzel Prize**

10 private German diction singing lessons with acclaimed soprano, Andrea Catzel.  
Sponsored by Andrea Catzel.

## **Radzyminski Family Prize**

French tuition at an Alliance Francaise Centre in the singer's city.  
Sponsored by Lucienne Radzyminski.

## **Istituto Italiano Di Cultura Award**

25 hours of study in Italian at the Italian Cultural Institute in Sydney.  
Sponsored by Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Sydney.

## **Goethe-Institut Prize**

A scholarship to attend a 10-week language course at the Goethe-Institut in either Sydney or Melbourne. Provided by the Goethe-Institut.

## **Huntington Estate Wine Prize**

2 bottles of Huntington Estate Wines for each Semi-Finalist. Sponsored by Huntington Estate Wines.

## **Running Bare Prize**

Gift Voucher for each Semi-Finalist to purchase sports clothing and accessories.  
Sponsored by Running Bare.

*Join us tomorrow for the ASC MasterClass in Surry Hills featuring the 5 ASC Finalists and Maestra Natalie Aroyan. Scan the code for more info and to register your seat.*



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