

# Media Release

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## Opera Queensland to tour *Lady Sings the Maroons* at GECC

Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) is delighted to host Opera Queensland in May as they present their latest original work, *Lady Sings the Maroons* as part of their 2023 regional tour.

On Saturday 6 May, music lovers will be treated to a unique program inspired by current and former Queensland-based artists including The Saints, Powderfinger, Gladys Moncrieff, Savage Garden, Joe Geia, Kate Miller-Heidke, and Harold Blair.

Described as a cross-genre love letter to Queensland, *Lady Sings the Maroons* showcases the art behind making a great song, and those who write them.

The concept is the brainchild of Opera Queensland's CEO and Artistic Director, Patrick Nolan.

The production is directed by Laura Hansford, and stars renowned vocalists and artistic collaborators, Jess Hitchcock, Irena Lysiuk and Marcus Corowa with Musical Director, Luke Volker on keys, who all trace their roots to regional Queensland.

Sharing the inspiration behind the production, Ms Hansford said music from Queensland had the power to transport an audience.

"My Queensland, your Queensland and the next person's Queensland are vastly different things, and that's reflected in the music that's come out of this state," she said.

"*Lady Sings the Maroons* holds a mirror up to our extraordinary state with pride.

"On this tour, we are debuting a show that sings about the diversity of this state and its people as we try to capture 'our Queensland'."

### Want to be involved?

Gladstone residents can join a community chorus to perform with the cast. Singing experience is of advantage but not required. Visit [www.oq.com.au](http://www.oq.com.au) for more information and to register to participate.

### Details

**WHAT:** *Lady Sings the Maroons*

**WHEN:** Saturday 6 May, 7.30pm at GECC (56 Goondoon Street)

**TICKETS:** [www.gladstoneentertainment.com](http://www.gladstoneentertainment.com) or call the Box Office on 4972 2822.

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