

Jessica Harper
Soprano



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Soprano Jessica Harper graduated with First Class Honours in Classical Singing from the Australian National University School of music. She has been broadcast as a concert soloist and recitalist on both ABC Classic FM and 2MBS Fine Music FM, and has toured much of Australia as a recital performer. Jessica is a founding board member of the Apollo Opera Collective. She completed her second year as a Young Artist with Pacific Opera in 2015 and was the recipient of the Dame Nellie Melba Scholarship with the Melba Opera Trust for 2018. Jessica completed the Accademia del Bel Canto Rodolfo Celletti in Martina Franca, Italy (2018).

Operatic works include creating the title role in *Miss Brill* (World Premier), Donna Anna (*Don Giovanni*), Rosalinde (*Die Fledermaus*), Casilda (*The Gondoliers*), Lisa (*La Sonnambula*) and Pamina (*Die Zauberflöte*). Mrs Norris (*Mansfield Park* – Australian Premier), La Zelatrice and Prima Sorella Cercatrice (*Suor Angelica*), Frantik, Chocholka and the Inkeeper's Wife (*The Cunning Little Vixen*) and Emmie (*Albert Herring*). Jessica was also the standby soprano for Emma Matthews in *MELBA A New Musical* (2017).

Recent successes in the Australian competition circuit include Jessica winning the Inaugural Limestone Coast Opera Lucca Competition (2018), Sydney Eisteddfod Opera and Arts Support Group Scholarship (2017), and the Wollongong (2017), Shoalhaven (2017) and Cowra (2015) Eisteddfodau Operatic Aria Championships. Jessica was Runner Up and winner of the Audience Choice Award for the Sydney Eisteddfod Opera Scholarship (2017), Runner Up for the Herald Sun Aria (2016), and has been a Finalist in the Acclaim Awards Italian Opera Fellowship (2018) and the Opera Foundation for Young Australians Lady Fairfax New York Scholarship (2018). Jessica was also selected as one of three singers to partake in a Masterclass with Dame Emma Kirkby as part of the Sydney Opera House Awards (2017).

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