

26 February • 19.30 Opera at the Palace

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| Verdi | Libiamo nè lieti calici (Brindisi) Ceferina Penny & Emyr Lloyd Jones | La traviata | Donizetti | Quel guardo, il cavaliere Ceferina Penny | Don Pasquale |
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| Bizet | Habanera Georgia Mae Ellis | Carmen | Offenbach | Vois sous l'archet frémissant Georgia Mae Ellis | The Tales of Hoffmann |
| Mozart | Deh vieni, non tardar Ceferina Penny | The Marriage of Figaro | Tchaikovsky | Kuda, kuda Emyr Lloyd Jones | Eugene Onegin |
| Donizetti | Una furtiva lagrima Emyr Lloyd Jones | L'elisir d'amore | Offenbach | Belle Nuit Ceferina Penny & Georgia Mae Ellis | The Tales of Hoffmann |
| Delibes | Flower Duet Ceferina Penny & Georgia Mae Ellis | Lakmé | Debussy | La fille aux cheveux de lin (Prelude) Jacob Swindells | |
| Grieg | Notturno Jacob Swindells | Lyric Pieces (Opus 54) | Piazzolla | Yo soy Maria Ceferina Penny | María de Buenos Aires |
| Gounod | Je veux vivre Ceferina Penny | Roméo et Juliette | Humperdinck | Evening Prayer Ceferina Penny & Georgia Mae Ellis | Hansel & Gretel |
| Gounod | Salut! Demeure chaste et pure Emyr Lloyd Jones | Faust | Porter | The Tale of the Oyster Georgia Mae Ellis | Fifty Million Frenchmen |
| Monteverdi | Pur ti miro Ceferina Penny & Georgia Mae Ellis | The Coronation of Poppea | Bernstein | Tonight Ceferina Penny & Emyr Lloyd Jones | West Side Story |
| Rossini | Una voce poco fa Georgia Mae Ellis | The Barber of Seville | Strauss | Champagne Trio Ceferina Penny, Georgia Mae Ellis & Emyr Lloyd Jones | Die Fledermaus |

Interval



Ceferina Penny soprano

British-Argentine Ceferina Penny completed her studies as a Charles Ravel Scholar at the Royal College of Music (RCM), under the tutelage of Janis Kelly. She made her professional debut as The Slave in the English National Opera's latest production of Salome at the London Coliseum. She made her debut at The Grange Festival, singing Peaseblossom in Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream. In 2023, Ceferina made her role debut as Susanna in Le Nozze di Figaro at the Château de Panloy, Port-d'Enveaux, with Westminster Opera Company. In July 2024, she premiered three new contemporary operas with IAM on the Marsh. In 2024 she performed as Solveig in excerpts from Peer Gynt with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2023, Ceferina was the recipient of the Audience Prize in the Maureen Lehane Vocal Awards. She is a Britten Pears Young Artist 2024/25 and the recipient of the Elizabeth Harwood Memorial Award. She has been coached on French Mélodie by leading professionals Véronique Gens, Susan Manoff, and Audrey Hyland, in Snape Maltings.



Georgia Mae Ellis mezzo-soprano

Georgia Mae Ellis is a British Mezzosoprano who studied at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) under the tutelage of Mary Plazas. In her second year at Royal Academy Opera, she studied with Yvonne Howard and Ingrid Surgenor. At the start of her first year, she joined the Glyndebourne Chorus for their tour and was subsequently asked to perform Carmen's Habanera at Glyndebourne's annual Christmas concert in 2021. In 2024 she covered the role of Ramise in The lette Parker Artists production of Arminio at The Linbury Theatre at The Royal Opera House. Georgia Mae has recently sung for a performance of Mahler's Symphony No.2 'Resurrection' at a sold-out Cadogan Hall in London. For Royal Academy Opera, she has sung the roles of Clomiri in Handel's Imeneo, Jane in the world premiere of Freya Wayley-Cohen's opera WITCH, and Mother Goose in The Rake's Progress. Her recital works include Sieben Frühe Lieder by Alban Berg at The Wigmore Hall as part of The Royal Academy song circle concert in January 2023.



Emyr Lloyd Jones tenor

Emyr, from North Wales, studied on the Opera Course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama with Susan Waters. Emvr holds BMus and MMus degrees from the Royal Northern College of Music, where he studied under Quentin Hayes and Matthew Best. Recent highlights include Oronte in Handel's Alcina (GSMD), Fulgor in the world premiere of A Star Next To The Moon by Stephen McNeff (GSMD), and Bunyan, Evangelist, and Watchful in Vaughan Williams' The Pilgrim's Progress (BYO). Emyr was the 2022 winner of the Pendine International Voice of the Future at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and was the 2024 winner of the Dunraven Young Welsh Singer of the Year award. Emyr was a semi-finalist at this year's Kathleen Ferrier Awards at the Wigmore Hall. Emyr was the winner of the Joyce and Michael Kennedy Award for the singing of Strauss, the Alexander Young Prize, the Oncken Sona Prize, and the Elsie Thurston Prize. At the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Emyr is a previous winner of the Blue Riband for folk singing.



Jacob Swindells pianist

British pianist Jacob Swindells was a 2023-24 Young Artist at the National Opera Studio. He recently joined the freelance register of pianists at English National Opera and was a repetiteur at Opera North on Ruddigore. As the Sir John Fisher Junior Fellow for Royal Northern College of Music Opera he worked on Ariadne auf Naxos. The Medium, Le Nozze di Figaro, Die Fledermaus and Mansfield Park with conductors such as Peter Robinson. Peter Whelan, David Parry and Lee Reynolds. He also acts as chorus master and vocal coach for Explore@ RNCM's production of Sondheim's Into the Woods. He worked as assistant music director on Cavalleria Rusticana/ Pagliacci (Opera on Location), as repetiteur for a semi-staged performance of the same piece with the Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra and on La Sonnambula (Buxton International Festival). He previously graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Oxford University and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Yale School of Music.



National Opera Studio

The National Opera Studio (NOS) exists to train talented young musicians to become the leading artists of their generation. The studio aims to make a significant contribution to the opera ecology and the wider creative and cultural life of the UK through the provision of top-quality professional training, and by our engagement and position in the sector.

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Paint & sip watercolour workshop

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The green meet

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