

Dear music lovers,

The Sydney Opera Society session on 4 November at 2.00 pm will feature Handel's *Rinaldo*, due to be performed by **Pinchgut Opera** from 30 November. Our presenter is **Domenico Gentile** from **SBS** who did a wonderful presentation on **Jessica Pratt's Mad Scenes** for us in July. He showed film footage of a fascinating interview with Jessica herself who was just off the plane. We can expect many insights into *Rinaldo* and interviews with some of Domenico's many opera contacts. He has hinted at a special surprise.

This will be our end of year celebration and NO entrance fees will be charged for this session, thanks to a kind benefactor. We hope many of you will be able to attend and we would appreciate some extra offerings for afternoon tea.

The session will be preceded by the Society's **AGM** which will be held at **1 pm**. As you may know **SOS** has been struggling since the pandemic, and we seem to have been lurching from crisis to crisis. Our numbers have suffered from moves, illness and general attrition, and it has been very hard to keep going. We are very grateful to **Stephanie** and **Peter** who stepped up last year as **Secretary** and **Treasurer**, but they feel they need to step down, so we will be calling for people to fill both those positions.

It would therefore be good to have as many Members as possible participating at the **AGM** as we need to think hard about the future of the Society.

*****Kerry Thomas has indicated she will be available to resume the role of Treasurer for the second half of 2024*****

Our sessions are held at 2 pm at the Willoughby Uniting Church at 10 Clanwilliam Street. There is plenty of parking and no steps. Bus numbers 120 (express from QVB) and 115 (from Spring Street via North Sydney) service the area.

Look forward to seeing you there,

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