



CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN OPERA RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 2022

Festival Opera and the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival are excited to announce that the season of Janacek's *Cunning Little Vixen*, recently postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, will be staged in **July 2022 at the Opera House at Toitohi Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre in Hastings**. Details of ticket release and sales will be announced in due course.

Anna Pierard, Director of Festival Opera comments, "The rescheduling process has come together brilliantly, and we're particularly pleased that the students and graduates of Project Prima Volta (PPV) and PPV Jnr will have the opportunity to perform this wonderful work with our stellar cast. We can now capitalise on all the hard work that has gone into this production already and bring this pivotal work to audiences in Hawke's Bay".

All of the artists contracted to perform in the October season have confirmed their availability for the rescheduled time frame which is a positive note in what has been a difficult time for artists, producers and the huge number of people involved in bringing opera to audiences.

Pitsch Leiser, Hawke's Bay Arts Festival Director adds "As Covid-19 continues to create uncertainty and tough times, we are relieved that we can offer some much-needed light on the horizon for the Arts whānau. Our primary goal remains the wellbeing of our large community, and we are aware of the positive impact the Arts has on communities that are in recovery mode following our periods of lockdown. We are excited about continuing our partnership with Festival Opera into next year"

In the meantime, we encourage Festival Opera supporters to get behind the smaller, but perfectly formed 2021 Hawke's Bay Arts Festival over a 10-day period, starting on Wednesday 20 October. Tickets are available at www.hbaf.co.nz

For further queries about the rescheduled season of Janacek's *Cunning Little Vixen*, please contact kiaora@findingvoices or info@hbaf.co.nz