



Press Release

DUBAI OPERA CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

200,000 TICKETS

2,000 ARTISTS

50 SHOWS

Dubai, UAE, 5 September 2017 – Dubai Opera, the first purpose-built performing arts theatre in Dubai, is celebrating its first anniversary, following a stunning inaugural annum of world-class entertainment, productions and performances from around the globe.

Since opening twelve months ago, Dubai Opera has lit up Dubai's social scene, welcoming **200,000 visitors** through its doors to watch **50 different shows** from a variety of genres, hosting more than **2,000 artists** and **60 different nationalities**. Much loved musicals, pop, rock and Arabic musical performances, operatic legends and classic productions, as well as contemporary dance, ballet, film screenings in concert and ice skating have enchanted audiences at the iconic venue.

Over the past year, visitors to Dubai Opera have seen a total of **468 hours** of dazzling performances, as some of the world's most renowned performers and iconic shows took to the stage of the spectacular venue. From the 'King of Opera', Placido Domingo, who opened the venue, and the legendary *Les Miserables*, to the hugely popular *Mary Poppins* and the inaugural *BBC Proms Dubai*, Dubai Opera continues to make a lasting contributing to the performing arts and events industry in Dubai.

Following its momentous debut year, Dubai Opera's second year promises to be even bigger and better. The 2,000-seat multi-format venue will continue to bring world-class entertainment and talent to the Middle East, through a range of opera, theatre, concerts, art exhibitions, orchestra, film, sports events and seasonal programmes.

The Dubai Opera programme is available to view online and tickets to the Marriage of Figaro, Cosi Fan Tutte, Don Giovanni, Johnny Clegg, Music in the Studio, LA Dance Project, Jersey Boys, Rufus Wainright, Status Quo, Evita and many more can be purchased online, only at www.dubaiopera.com.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, said: "What a year! It's been such a pleasure and such a privilege to have been able to welcome so many great artists, so many incredible productions and so many wonderful audiences over the past 12 months. A huge thank you to everyone who's supported us in bringing the best entertainment from so many genres to Dubai – we are extremely grateful and I can promise there will be no let up. A sensational new restaurant, a new public tours programme, a gala concert from the extraordinary Anna Netrebko, a new monthly chamber music series, three brand new productions of three incredible operas, Johnny Clegg's final world tour – there's so much to look forward to and the experience of Dubai Opera is just going to keep getting better."

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Note to Editors



About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m2 flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage will host an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera will also stage musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment. www.dubaiopera.com

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