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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS

RENÉE FLEMING: IN RECITAL ONE NIGHT ONLY

Sydney Opera House is delighted to announce that one of the world's most sought after opera singers, **Renée Fleming**, will take to the Concert Hall stage this August for a special one-off performance – her first Sydney show in over a decade.

Fresh from her Broadway debut, Fleming will enchant Sydney audiences with this rare Australian appearance to perform several of her signature works including Ravel's *Shéhérazade* and selections from Chteloube's *Songs of the Auvergne*, accompanied by pianist Richard Bado.

Sydney Opera House Presents Director of Programming, **Jonathan Bielski**, said that Renée Fleming will captivate audiences with her exquisite voice and compelling stage presence.

"Sydney Opera House is honoured to welcome back one of the greatest opera sopranos of our time. Ms Fleming is world-famous for her beautiful voice and audiences will be in for a treat when she takes to the Opera House stage for the first time in more than 10 years. Such is the appeal of Ms Fleming that her reach extends far beyond the theatre – from Sesame Street to Letterman and the Super Bowl. This is a must-see show for fans of opera and entertainment alike," he said.

One of the most talented and decorated sopranos of our time, Fleming's sparkling career spans three decades and has seen her grace the world's greatest opera stages and concert halls from The Met in New York, to La Scala in Italy, and the Winter Palace in St Petersburg.

"The People's Diva" has been equally successful outside theatres – in 2014 Fleming was the first classical artist to perform the *Star Spangled Banner* at the Super Bowl, and also made history in 2012 when she performed on the balcony of Buckingham Palace during the Diamond Jubilee.

In addition to being a four-time Grammy Award winner and receiving fourteen nominations, Renée Fleming also has three honorary doctorates and was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2013, America's highest honour for an individual artist, presented by President Barack Obama.

Reviews:

"A superstar by any measure" – *The New York Times*

"Possibly the most beautiful soprano voice in the world." – *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

"One of the biggest names in opera" – *Forbes*

SEASON DETAILS

WHAT: Renée Fleming

WHEN: 7pm, Sunday 30 August, 2015

WHERE: Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House

TICKETS: From \$49 www.sydneyoperahouse.com or 02 9250 7777

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