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Starring: Julie Lea Goodwin as Maria and Alexander Lewis as Tony.

West Side Story exploded onto Broadway in 1957 in a sensational storm of exuberant dance and wistful romance. It was a phenomenon that never faded, “an incandescent piece of work” (*The New York Times*).

In 2019, *West Side Story* takes the iconic stage at *Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour*. Raise a glass as the sun sets and drink in the view as you share a meal in one of the pop-up bars and restaurants on site. Then sit back to enjoy the enthralling show, complete with live orchestra hidden beneath the dramatic stage and fireworks in the balmy night air. Encounter the wildness of youth and ecstasy of love as this modern day *Romeo and Juliet* unfolds under a starlit sky.

On the mean streets of New York's West Side, two rival gangs strut their stuff. But when a Jet falls for a Shark, the stage is set for a rumble. Their wistful love story is studded with infectious songs including 'Somewhere', 'Maria', 'I Feel Pretty', 'America', 'Cool' and of course, 'Tonight'.

As the star-crossed lovers, Maria and Tony, homegrown stars Alexander Lewis and Julie Lea Goodwin reprise the sizzling chemistry of their performances together in *The Merry Widow* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

What if It Rains:

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour is an open-air and all-weather event - The venue, audience seating, and the stage are completely uncovered. The event is an all-weather experience and Opera Australia is committed to going ahead with a performance of Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour even in doubtful or unfavourable weather conditions. Please come prepared so that you are as comfortable as possible, and ready to support the performers, who will carry on singing in the rain.

Bring warm and waterproof clothing: Sydney weather is full of surprises so we recommend that you dress with this in mind and bring warm, weatherproof clothing. Please note that although umbrellas can be brought to the venue, out of consideration for other members of the audience they cannot be used during the performance.

Performance pauses and cancellations: We will only cancel a performance during electrical storms (within 10km radius) or during times of extremely high winds and/or rain. The decision to cancel a performance is not made until 7.30pm or later and a cancellation may be called during the performance. So please plan to travel to the venue for a 7.30pm performance start time even in unfavourable weather conditions.

In some weather conditions Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour may have a delayed start time or be paused for up to 50 minutes at any point throughout the performance. Auxiliary expenses including travel, accommodation or hospitality which you have arranged in conjunction with the performance are at your own risk and not refundable by Opera Australia.

Details are: Friday 5th of April 2019, 7.30 p.m.

Cost: **A RESERVE:** \$175 per ticket. (max. 2 tickets). (a saving of over \$100per ticket).
Guests: \$181.

Venue: Opera on Sydney Harbour, Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquaries Point.

Due date for booking: Wed 21/11/2018. Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds.
For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or nadia.withers@hotmail.com

To : Nadia Withers, 63 Jennings St., Matraville 2036 –
West Side Story– Deadline: Wed 21/11/2018.

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Email Address: -----Home No.: -----

Members: ---- tickets at \$175 (max. 2 tickets) (A Reserve) \$-----

Guests: ---- tickets at \$181 (A Reserve) \$-----

Total \$-----

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed. Bank transfer OK – please contact Nadia for details.