

# Toi Toi Opera, Christchurch

*"One cup naughty, two cups nice, & add a dash of festive spice!"*

## Ōtautahi Summer Opera Festival 2023-2024

Toi Toi Opera in collaboration with The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora is presenting a new, fully accessible, family-friendly Summer Opera Festival in Ōtautahi Christchurch from December 2023 to March 2024.

On Sunday 17 December, 2023 Toi Toi Opera present an abridged version of renowned Ōtautahi (New Zealand) composer Philip Norman's operatic telling of the Dicken's classic *A Christmas Carol*, with an all-local cast and creative team.

**Venue: North Quad, The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora - free performance.**

**Sunday 17 December (5.30pm)**

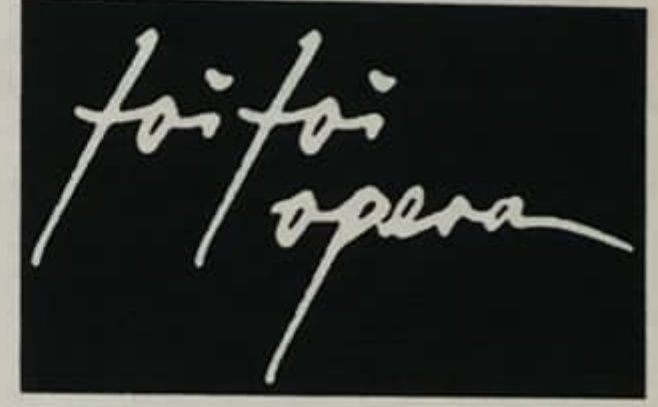
In 2024 they follow this up with *Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears*, by John Davies

Toi Toi Opera kicks off your new year with an operatic telling of the story of *Goldilocks* by John Davies, based on the music of **W. A. Mozart** and **J. Offenbach**.

### ***Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears***

Goldie B. Locks doesn't just like bugs – she loves them! When a beautiful butterfly flutters off into the woods, she chases it, forgetting a promise made to her mum to stay close to home. Ending up lost and alone, Goldie B's story unfolds much like the traditional Goldilocks, but with one important difference – she befriends The Three Bears, and learns that honesty is always the best choice – even for a sneaky soup robber.

Bring your baby bears to the **North Quad** for a heart-warming introduction to opera – and even better, it's free!



**Venue: North Quad, (Great Hall if wet), The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora – Free performance.**

**Sunday 28 January, 2024 (11am) – *Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears*, John Davies**

### ***The Three Little Pigs***

Toi Toi Opera brings to life an operatic version of the story of *The Three Little Pigs* by John Davies, based on the music of W. A. Mozart.

While brother pigs Don Giovanni and Cherubino set off to make homes of sticks and straw, their sister, Despina, goes to the library to read up on 'huff-proof, puff-proof' home construction. After Wolfgang Bigbad blows down the boys' flimsy homes, they run to their sister's sturdy new brick house quite ready to admit that going to the library and reading books is a pretty smart thing to do after all!

Guaranteed to cause fits of giggles – bring your little (and not so little) ones and enjoy this free outdoor performance in the North Quad.

**Venue: North Quad, The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora - free performance.**  
**Sunday 10 March (11am) has been reserved for this performance, in case of poor weather.**

**Saturday 9 March, 2024 (11am) – *The Three Little Pigs*, John Davies**

## ***Die Fledermaus [Highlights],***

Dress in your favourite mask and finest black-tie and join Toi Toi Opera in The Great Hall for fun and frivolity at Prince Orlofsky's masquerade ball. The music is sumptuous, the costumes are lavish, and you need to prepare yourselves – for anything could happen!

This abridged version of a perennial favourite is brought to you by our stunning all-local cast and creative team, and it promises to be an evening that you will never forget.

**Venue: The Great Hall,**

**The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora.**

**Tickets on sale via The Arts Centre soon.**

**Saturday 9 March, 2024 (8pm) –**

***Die Fledermaus [Highlights], Johann Strauss II***

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