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MUSIC WILL MARK A MILESTONE

Rod Bennett

MUSIC at Manly is celebrating its 75th anniversary in style with two highly acclaimed guests.

One of these is a well-known Opera Australia star, soprano Amelia Farrugia.

Farrugia, of Mosman, will be accompanied by international soloist Tamara-Anna Cislowska.

"She is a star in her own right," Farrugia said. "She brings her own stamp to the show."

"Tamara and I have done these French songs before. It's some of my favourite repertoire."

The first half of the program will feature work by composers such as Faure, Gounod, and Massenet.

The second half of the show draws more from musical theatre, inspired by Farrugia's background work on shows such as *Buddy Holly* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

"It's lighter and people just love this repertoire – it's crowd pleasing," she said. The soprano said she also liked patter between songs, to engage an audience.

She said the night would suit a

DETAILS

WHAT: Music at Manly 75th Anniversary Gala Concert

WHERE: Cardinal Cerretti Chapel, St Patrick's Estate, 151 Darley Rd, Manly

WHEN: Friday, March 14

ADMISSION: \$35

DETAILS: MusicAtManly.com

great cross-section of ages. But there will be no such lightness when Farrugia returns to New York at the end of the year to work with the Metropolitan Opera.

She will be working in a covering role at the prestigious organisation, being an understudy for some of the biggest names in the operatic world.

"For an Australian without a profile at the Metropolitan ... it is a huge honour," she said.

Farrugia was very impressed with what Manly had to offer people in the way of cultural events.

"It's great to be doing something like this in Manly," she said. "It draws attention to classical music."

"It's affordable but it's also of a very high class."



Operatic diva Amelia Farrugia will perform at the Music at Manly 75th anniversary.

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