

The background of the poster is a photograph of the Buxton Opera House at dusk. The opera house is a grand stone building with two large domes and a central arched entrance. A sign above the entrance reads "OPERA HOUSE". To the right of the opera house is a tall, multi-tiered stone tower with a green copper dome and a weather vane on top. The scene is set against a warm, orange-hued sky, and the foreground shows a street with people walking and some market stalls.

BIF Buxton
International
Festival

7-25 JULY 2027

**A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF
OPERA, MUSIC, BOOKS & JAZZ**

**GROUP BOOKING
INFORMATION**

Welcome



Welcome to Buxton International Festival, a summer celebration of opera, music, jazz and books, taking place annually in the Peak District spa town of Buxton.

Join us with your group and take advantage of 10% discount on ticket prices and advanced reserved seating. Whether you are part of a tour group, planning a corporate outing with colleagues, or gathering friends for an unforgettable time, our group bookings offer 10% discount for all parties of 10+ across our full programme of events.

Our seamless booking process offers dedicated support prior to and during your time here at the festival. With a reputation for presenting seldom performed operas and hosting globally acclaimed singers, musicians, and literary luminaries, join us for a memorable visit to a festival like no other.

BIF 2026 IN REVIEWS



La traviata ★★★★★
"Superb." - The Stage



Amadigi di Gaula ★★★★★
"Gorgeous singing."
- The Guardian



The Merry Widow ★★★★★
"Slick and entertaining." - The Stage



Le dernier sorcier
"Pleasant light entertainment
for a summer evening" - Number 9 Blog



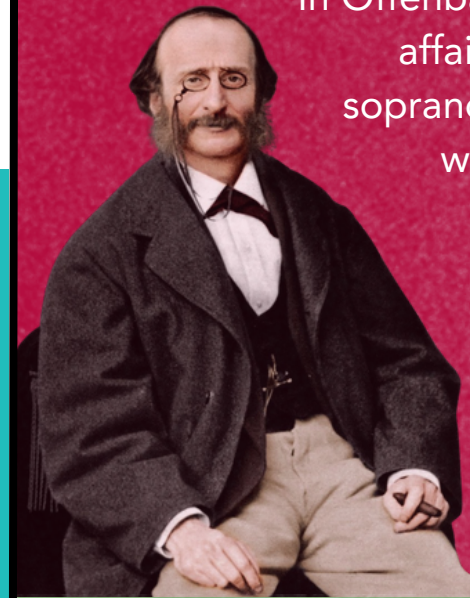
La liberazione di Ruggiero
"A warmly engaging experience for the ear."
- The Arts Desk

The Tales of Hoffman

Jacques Offenbach

A Buxton International Festival production in collaboration with Norwich Theatre Royal, featuring the Buxton International Festival Orchestra.

What drives a poet to love the wrong woman, three times over? In Offenbach's final opera, Hoffman revisits his most disastrous affairs: a mechanical automaton in Paris, a doomed young soprano in Munich, and a scheming courtesan in Venice. Rich with gorgeous melodies and sharp emotional truth, this production reveals a master of comedy reaching for something profound and eternal.



Buxton Opera House

- Monday 12 July, 7pm
- Wednesday 21 July, 3pm
- Saturday 17 July, 7pm
- Saturday 24 July, 7pm



Ariadne auf Naxos

Richard Strauss

A Buxton International Festival production, featuring the Buxton International Festival Orchestra.

In the lavish home of the richest man in Vienna, two rival performing troupes arrive to entertain his guests. Minutes before showtime, the patron delivers an outrageous decree: to ensure the fireworks start on time, both performances must take place simultaneously on the same stage. Pandemonium ensues, yet magic occurs as high-flown opera and sparkling commedia dell'arte weave into an astonishing theatrical tapestry.

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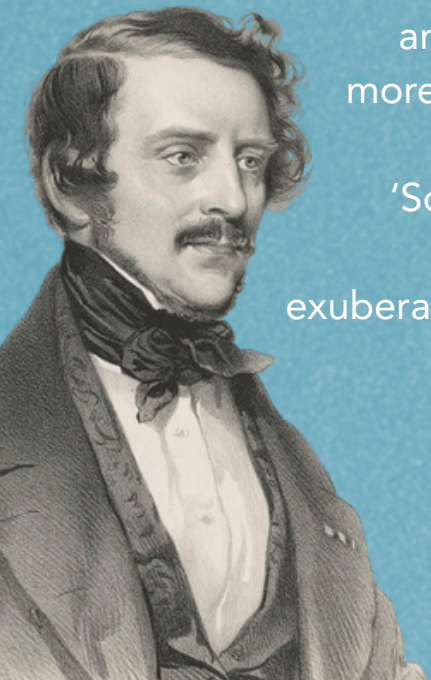
- Tuesday 13 July, 7.15pm
- Sunday 18 July, 6pm
- Friday 16 July, 3pm
- Friday 23 July, 7.15pm



Don Pasquale

Gaetano Donizetti

An Opera della Luna production.



When rich old Don Pasquale tries to trick his nephew Ernesto out of an inheritance by marrying a demure young bride, he gets far more than he bargained for. Enter the cunning Doctor Malatesta and the spirited widow Norina, who disguised as the sweet 'Sofronia', agrees to a fake marriage only to instantly turn into a domestic tyrant. Packed with sharp wit and Rossini-style exuberance, this comedy turns a classic battle of wits into pure fun.

Buxton Opera House

- Friday 9 July, 7.15pm
- Tuesday 20 July, 7.15pm
- Wednesday 14 July, 3pm
- Thursday 22 July, 7.15pm

La gazetta

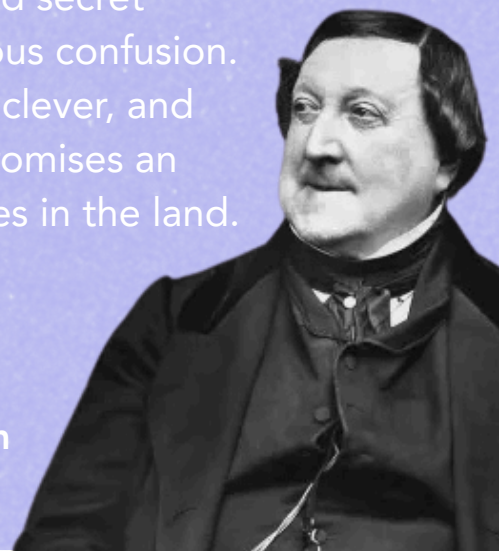
Gioachino Rossini

A Buxton International Festival production, featuring the Buxton International Festival Orchestra.

When the overbearing Don Pomponio places a newspaper advertisement to find a suitable husband for his sharp-witted daughter Lisetta, chaos quickly ensues. Misunderstandings, clever disguises, and secret romances turn a quiet garden into a whirlwind of hilarious confusion. Will true love triumph over ridiculous ambition? Warm, clever, and packed with irresistible melody, this delightful opera promises an entertaining evening with some of the best young voices in the land.

Pavilion Arts Centre

- Sunday 11 July, 3pm
- Sunday 18 July, 3pm
- Wednesday 14 July, 7.15pm
- Friday 23 July, 7.15pm



Orlando: An Escapade

Thea Musgrave

A Buxton International Festival world premiere production, featuring the Buxton International Festival Orchestra.



Guided by Virginia Woolf herself, this joyful opera follows the charismatic Orlando on an extraordinary journey through centuries of passion, identity, and transformation. Sweeping from the court of Elizabeth I to Constantinople, Orlando experiences passionate loves, bitter betrayals, and artistic struggle before waking to a stunning transformation: he is now a woman. Navigating a world of changing desires and societal expectations, Orlando embraces life with wit and courage.

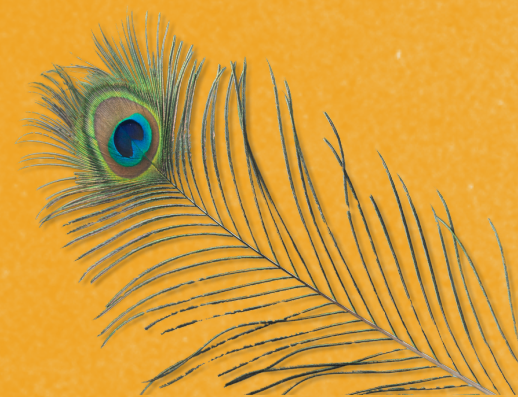
Pavilion Arts Centre

- Saturday 10 July, 7.15pm
- Wednesday 21 July, 7.15pm
- Thursday 15 July, 7.15pm

Salome

Richard Strauss

An OperaUpClose production, in partnership with Opera North and arts depot.



A radically distilled take on Richard Strauss and Oscar Wilde's scandalous masterpiece, reinterpreted through the 'ingenious musical bricolage' (Opera Magazine) of Amy Bryce's new acoustic-electronic score and an original English libretto by award-winning writer Athena Stevens. Salome: Dance Toward Ruin is a psychological horror that asks whether violence can ever free us from the stories that imprison us. This compelling reimagining brings audiences closer than ever to the heart of the tragedy, immersing them in a haunted, warped world that is at once disturbing, provocative and visceral.

Pavilion Arts Centre

- Tuesday 20 July, 7.30pm
- Thursday 22 July, 7.30pm





Die Entführung aus dem Serail

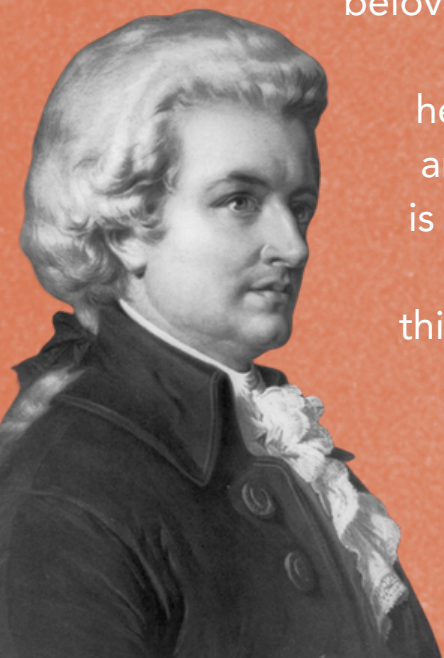
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

A Buxton International Festival concert version,
featuring the Buxton International Festival Orchestra.

When the young Spanish nobleman Belmonte discovers that his beloved Konstanze is being held in the palace of Pasha Selim, he sets out on a daring mission to rescue her. With the help of her spirited maid Blonde and his resourceful servant Pedrillo, an escape plan is hatched, but the fearsome overseer Osmin is determined to stop them. Bursting with brilliant arias, lively ensembles and Mozart's colourful Turkish-inspired music, this exhilarating comedy of love, loyalty and forgiveness races towards an unexpectedly generous conclusion.

Buxton Opera House

- Thursday 15 July, Time TBC
- Monday 19 July, Time TBC



Booking Information

For all bookings and enquires, please contact operations@buxtonfestival.co.uk with your specific request and we will do our very best to accommodate your group. We will endeavour to fulfil specific seating requests; however, if capacity is full we will offer the best alternative.

REQUEST A BROCHURE (A5)

Our printed A5 brochure is available at the end of February 2027. If your group would like copies of our brochure, please email operations@buxtonfestival.co.uk and we can send copies out to you or arrange collection locally.

Book now, Pay Later

Once we receive your provisional booking, we will hold seats until the end of February 2027 when a 30% deposit will be required in order to confirm the reservation. The full payment will then be requested by 31 May 2027. If an event is cancelled, the box office will issue a full refund.

Ticket prices for 2027 Opera series

DON'T
MISS
OUT

10%
GROUPS OF 10+ PEOPLE

**Ariadne auf Naxos (Strauss),
The Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach),
Don Pasquale (Donizetti) (Prices in purple)
Die Entführung aus dem Serail (Mozart) (Prices in red)**

Stalls.....A - C.....	£65	£53	£45
Stalls.....D - N	£78	£64	£54
Stalls.....O - Q.....	£52	£36	£49
Dress Circleside	£93	£73	£64
Dress Circlecentre	£98	£78	£68
Dress Circleboxes.....	£93	£73	£64
Upper Dress Circle.....side	£28	£25	£27
Upper Dress Circle.....centre	£59	£52	£43
Upper Dress Circle.....boxes.....	£28	£25	£27
Gallery	£28	£25	£27

**Orlando: An Escapade
(Musgrave), La gazzetta
(Rossini) and Salome
(Strauss)**

General admission.... all tickets£56

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'UNLIKE ANY OTHER FESTIVAL'

The Telegraph

Named by The Telegraph as one of the Top 6 UK
summer opera festivals.

Alongside our flagship opera programme sit our ever-popular concert
series, book talks and jazz events.

Our concert series features world-class musicians, recently including
Steven Isserlis, the Brodsky Quartet, Roderick Williams and The Hallé.

Our book series presents talks from some of the most engaging authors
of the day. With politicians such as Andy Burnham and Jeremy Hunt, to
the likes of Richard Dawkins, Reverend Richard Coles and Nicholas
Crane, there's something for everyone.

Our jazz programme brings some of the most exciting jazz artists to the
heart of the Peak District, with recent acts including Courtney Pine,
Laura Jurd, Fergus McCreadie and the Darius Brubeck Quartet.

During your visit, you can also enjoy easy access to the beautiful Peak
District National Park, boasting hilltop views, sweeping rivers and
picturesque villages.

Our full programme is released in February 2027, with our group
booking discount applicable to all Festival events.



MUSIC



BOOKS



JAZZ



VENUES AND CAR PARKS

- 1 Buxton Opera House
- 2 Pavilion Arts Centre
- 3 St John's Church
- 4 The Octagon at Pavilion Gardens
- 5 Assembly Room at Buxton Crescent Hotel
- 6 The Palace Hotel
- 7 Devonshire Dome
- 8 Pavilion Gardens Car Park
- 9 Market Place Car Park
- 10 South St Car Park
- 11 The Slopes Car Park
- 12 Spring Gardens & Wye St Car Park
- 13 Sylvan Car Park
- 14 BOH Car Park
- 15 Railway Station Car Park
- Market Place Car Park



BY CAR

Buxton is 1.5 hour's drive from the M1, M6, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham and Derby. If you are using Sat Nav, please use the postcode SK17 6XN for Buxton Opera House and SK17 6BE for the Pavilion Arts Centre.

There is pay and display parking outside Buxton Opera House with two disabled parking spaces on The Square (Water Street) and it is possible to offload adjacent to the forecourt.

Pay and Display parking is also available at Pavilion Gardens car park, off Burlington Road, with 8 disabled car parking bays. The car park is approximately 320 metres from the Opera House and 160 metres from the Pavilion Arts Centre.

A little further away from our venues are the car parks behind the Spring Gardens Shopping Centre, with 26 disabled parking spaces, and Sylvan Car Park with 4 disabled car parking bays.

There is an electric car charging point at Morrisons, Bakewell Road, SK17 9TB and Sylvan Car Park at the end of Spring Gardens, SK17 6BY.

Please allow extra time for travel on Carnival Day, Saturday 10 July 2027.



BY RAIL

Avanti West Coast runs direct trains from Euston to Macclesfield in less than 2 hours, plus a 20 minute taxi ride, or change at Stockport for trains to Buxton.

Direct services from Manchester Piccadilly and Stockport by Northern Rail.



BY BUS

Direct services from Manchester Airport, Stockport, Macclesfield, Derby, Glossop, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Ashbourne and Leek. [traveline.info](https://www.traveline.info)



BY AIR

Regular national and international flights to Manchester and Nottingham East Midlands airports.

Manchester Airport is approximately 40 minutes away by Taxi/Car.

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for travel advice.