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## ***Prima la Musica* – a new opera buffa.**

**Adelaide based Co\*Opera are thrilled to present this innovative amalgam of two one-act comic operas by Mozart, and his great rival Salieri.**

This adaptation by Adelaide born Kevin Miller introduces all of the music written by Mozart for his 'Impresario' into Salieri's controversial 'Prima la Musica poi le Parole' (music before words). Both works were performed on the same night in the Vienna of 1786 and this new arrangement gives an opportunity to assess the composers on equal terms – and it will be found that Salieri, as well as Mozart, was a remarkably competent theatre composer.

Originally commissioned for the internationally recognised Carinthischer Festival in Austria, this comic adaptation of ***Prima La Musica*** was received with acclaim in 2000 and was also recently produced with outstanding success in Hong Kong, Hanoi and Bangkok.

Presented by Co\*Opera, ***Prima La Musica*** is a refreshing adaptation of works by the famous masters. In addition, it features the acclaimed Adelaide born sopranos, Teresa La Rocca and Tessa Miller – Kevin's own talented daughter.

As a matter of interest, an entertaining description of the adaptation process is attached.

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