

DUCHY OPERA
The Cornish Opera Company
Chair: Karen Harris

1. What we are doing

Following successful sold-out performances at the Minack open air theatre this year, Duchy Opera will be performing Donizetti's comic opera *The Elixir of Love* in 2020 at an exciting new outdoor venue near Truro.

Venue/performance dates are:

Park House, Truro - Dress Rehearsal	Thursday, 18 th June, 2020
Park House, Truro - Gala performance	Saturday, 20 th June, 2020
Park House, Truro - Performance	Sunday, 21 st June, 2020

Our opera will be a traditionally costumed production. We will be using the Schirmer (trans Ruth and Thomas Martin) edition of the score, and performing in English.

Our Director will be Richard Jackson (Director of our "La Traviata" at the Minack in 2017). Music director is Timothy Dean.

Where possible we give priority to Cornwall-based performers, musicians, designers, technicians, etc. We are seeking applications from UK-based soloists as we are unable to cover international travel.

2. If you wish to audition

Please submit a completed Application Form, your current CV and a recent photo, together with video/audio files or links to your website. Applications will not be considered without receipt of a completed Application Form.

Our "Terms and Conditions" (separate document) will form part of the contract when roles are allocated.

Auditions will be held on Saturday 25th January in Cornwall and Friday 31st January 2020 at a London venue.

The list of audition pieces below has all the page numbers in the Schirmer score. Any edition may be used for the audition and may be sung in English or Italian. Another own choice piece may also be heard at the discretion of the panel. Should Elixir be sung in Italian the panel will require applicants own choice piece to be sung in English.

Please return the attached "Application Form" in a format most people can read (docx or pdf). You can a) fill in onscreen and email back to duchy@duchyopera.co.uk or b) print, fill in by hand, scan and email back to duchy@duchyopera.co.uk.

Singers who are unable to audition in person may be permitted (at the discretion of Duchy Opera) to audition via a sound recording.

Rehearsals will be held mainly at Tresillian Village Hall, TR2 4AZ, near Truro.

Audition pieces:

Adina	1) Act 1 Sc 1 - p. 28-35 2) Act 2 Sc 8 - p. 355-358
Nemorino	1) Act 1 Sc 1 – aria beginning p. 13 2) Act 2 Sc 8 – aria beginning p. 349
Belcore	Act 1 Sc 2 – p. 38-42 and 44-46
Dulcamara (Dr)	1) Act 1 Sc 5 – p. 93-98 and p. 105 last bar – 108 first bar
Giannetta	1) Act 1 Sc 1 – p. 16-20 2) Act 2 Sc 5 – p. 293-297