

Puccini opera to celebrate the Bohemian spirit of District 6



The cast of 'La Bohème in District Six'

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'La Bohème in District Six', set to premiere at the Suidoosterfees, will celebrate the heritage of an important South African space and era through the lens of the classic opera storyline by Puccini.

"Because District Six was such a vibrant neighbourhood with a distinct culture and appreciation for arts and music, it is logical and serendipitous to combine the idea behind 'La Bohème' with the historical legacy of District Six," says director Tara Notcutt.

Notcutt is directing a cast featuring the likes of Given Nkosi, Amanda Osorio, Lynelle Kenned, Owen Metsi-leng and Njabulo Sifiso Mthimkhulu.

'La Bohème' means "The Bohemians" and District Six was well known for its Bohemian atmosphere: a place where South African artists of all colours and religions could mix freely to share ideas and grow a collective culture in opposition to the Apartheid regime.

It is well documented that artistic enclaves contribute to a diverse cul-

ture of understanding, whether set in a Paris garret like the original La Bohème or in District Six before the removals.

* 'La Bohème in District Six' will show at the kykNET Teater at the Suidoosterfees on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, at 8.30pm; as well as on the Sunday, May 1, at 3.30pm.

Bookings are now open at Computicket.