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## Bangkok Opera

Founded in 2000 by Somtow Sucharitkul, Music Director of the earlier **Bangkok Opera Society** during 1970's. Bangkok Opera is a professional opera company featuring both **Thai and International singers**. The opera company is a non-profit entity and aims to develop opera, ballet, musical theatre and traditional Asian music drama in such a way as to be able to present a complete season by the year 2005.

Bangkok Opera has already accomplished more than companies many times its age. It has mounted operas ranging from chamber works like Dido and Aeneas and Turn of the Screw to full-blown productions of Madama Butterfly and Turandot. Among other ventures, it has embarked on a Ring cycle (Das Rheingold was presented last February; Die Walküre is due in July), the first to be fully staged and produced by an Asian company.

Bangkok Opera is the only company in southeast Asia operating with a full season (**five productions per year**). **Opera Siam, Opera Siam International, Siam Philharmonic Orchestra, Siam Sinfonietta, and Siam Orpheus Choir** are all individual departments within the Bangkok Opera Foundation.

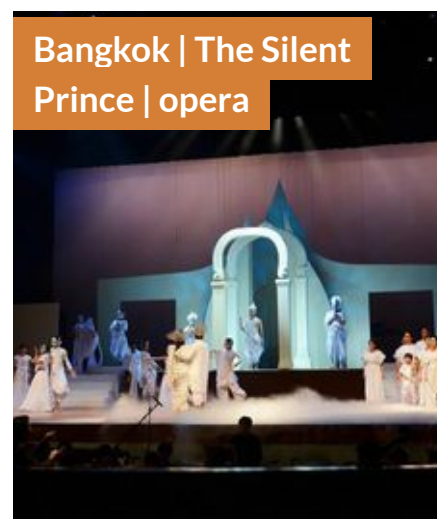
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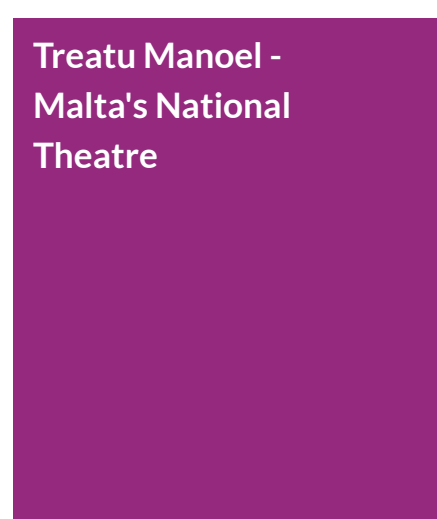
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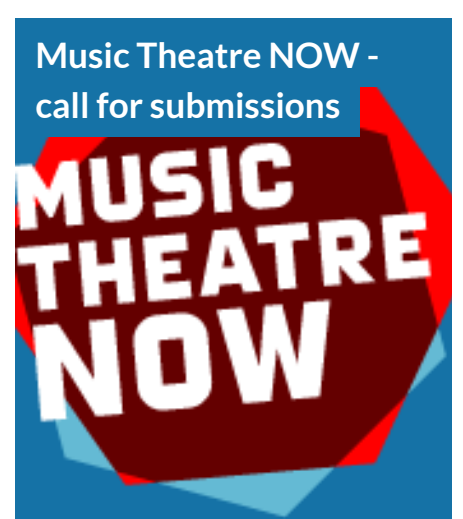
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