



a Dream Come True

Former student, Morgan Halket (15) is still pinching herself every day to make sure she is not dreaming. Morgan is a professional opera singer with the West Australian Opera Company chorus and often cannot believe that this is her job.

Morgan was accepted into the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in 2016 and studied a Bachelor of Classical Music majoring in Classical Voice and Opera Studies. In her final year of WAAPA, Morgan auditioned for the West Australian Opera Company chorus. This became her first contract, and she has not looked back since. She has been part of many productions including *Così fan Tutte*, *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*, *The Barber of Seville* and *The Marriage of Figaro*.

Morgan's love of singing and performing started at a young age.

"My love of music and opera came from my mum, who always encouraged me to work hard and strive for greatness."

Morgan also believes that her education at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School has contributed to her success and many of her teachers including Mrs Fahie, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Brittain, Mr Molewyk and Mr Bancroft are still huge inspirations of hers, and she will be forever grateful for the belief they had in her. *"I can still remember the day that Mrs Holmes told me that I could make a living as a performer. I will never forget that moment because she was the first person that had said that to me."*

Morgan fondly remembers several performances at School – from her first ever role in *Grease* to playing in the orchestra with *War of the Worlds* as definite highlights. But for Morgan, it was not always the biggest performances that meant the most, sometimes it was the little ones.

"It might sound strange, but Community Choir every week was a highlight for me. Nothing sets you up for an academic week like singing in the Chapel on a Monday morning!"

Knowing how much joy singing and performing gave her as a child, Morgan is inspiring young audiences with the work she is doing with a children's entertainment company in her spare time. Morgan is part of a management team of women who write, direct, costume, musically direct and perform productions of much-loved fairy tales including *The Wizard of Oz* and *Cinderella* to children all over Western Australia. She hopes that many of the children who watch their performances consider getting involved in The Arts themselves.

Although Morgan's dreams have already come true, she is still focused on becoming the best performer she can be while she is learning from her peers and principal artists coming through the WA Opera Company. In the future she hopes to work with Opera Australia, and take her stage shows for children on larger tours throughout regional Australia.

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