

What is an opera?



**Have you ever been to a theatre before?
What did you see?**



**An opera is a story told by people
singing and playing instruments.**

**Operas have been performed over
more than four hundred years!**

Many people think the first opera was called Dafne, written by this composer



Jacopo Peri



in 1598!

**Many composers have written operas
over the hundreds of years that
followed.**



**Have you ever heard of
Mozart before?**

**Mozart wrote lots of
operas!**

**Here are some of the
composers who wrote the
most famous operas!**



Verdi



Puccini



Bizet

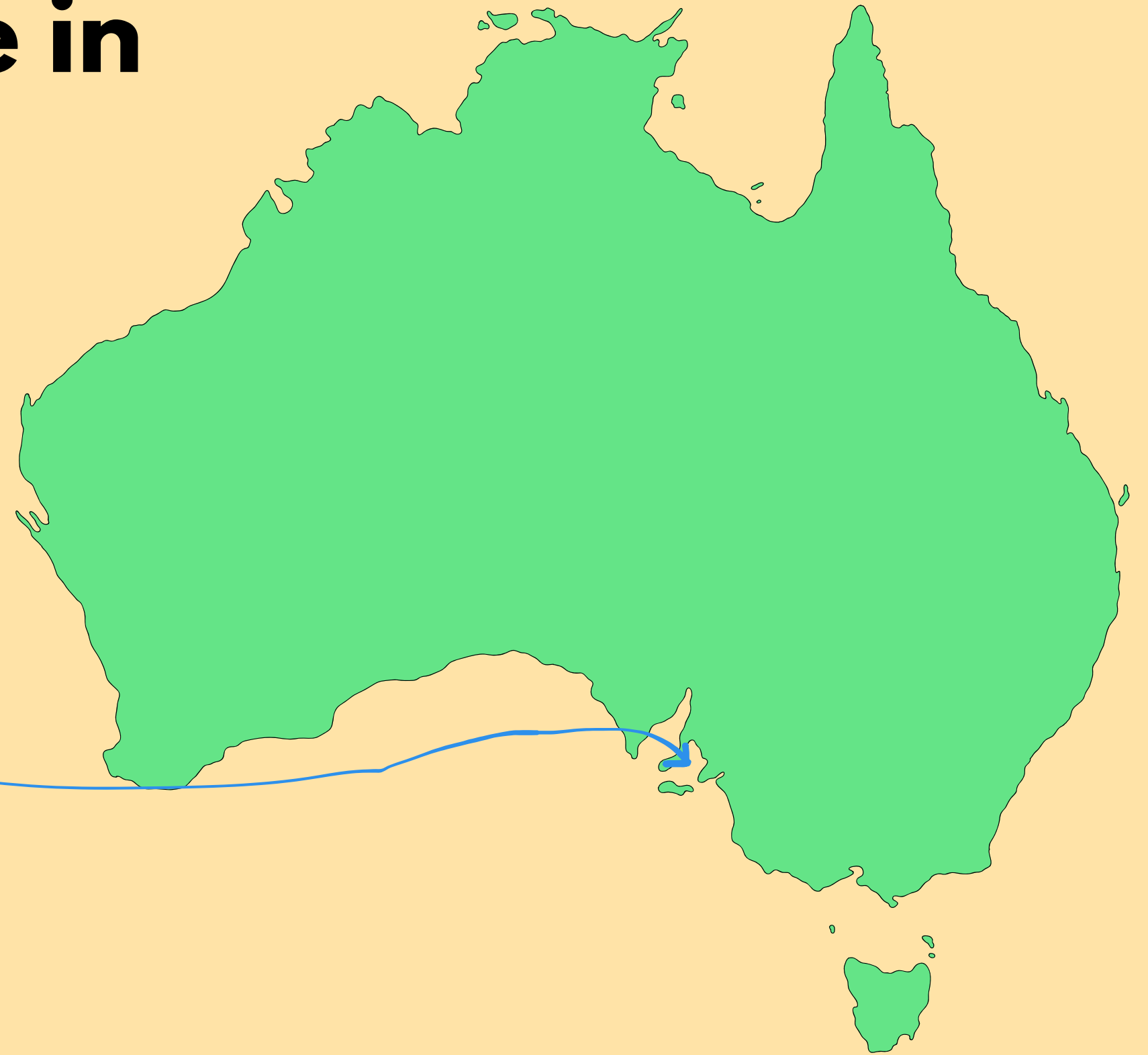
**Soon, we're going to
watch an opera called Sid
the Serpent who Wanted
to Sing.**

**It was composed by
Malcolm Fox.**



**The opera was written and
premiered in Adelaide in
the 1970s!**

Over here!



Sid the Serpent is an opera because it's a story that's performed by people that sing and play instruments.

These are some of the singers in the opera.



Here is a song called *Morning in the Bush* from an opera called *Hansel and Gretel*. See if you can tell what happens in the story.



**In that story, the two characters are
looking for their parents, but they
couldn't find them anywhere!**

**Luckily, they do find them later in the
opera!**

**We'll keep learning more about opera
next time.**

