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DANIELA BARCELLONA

Mezzo

Daniela Barcellona is a “much appreciated singer who can count on a broad phrasing, supported by a solid, robust and consistent technique. The silkiness of her voice is heightened by a fascinating timbre and her coloratura remains today unparalleled”. Daniela Barcellona was born in Trieste, where she completed her musical studies under the guidance of Alessandro Vitiello. After winning numerous prestigious international competitions like the “Adriano Belli” award in Spoleto, “Iris Adami Corradetti” in Padua, and the “Pavarotti International Voice Competition” in Philadelphia, she made her debut in the title role of *Tancredi* at the Rossini Opera Festival in Pesaro in 1999, establishing herself as a reference interpreter for “en travesti” roles, which have brought her to walk the most prestigious opera houses worldwide, from New York’s Metropolitan Opera to La Scala in Milan, from the Royal Opera House in London to the Théâtre des Champs Elysées in Paris, from the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich to the Teatro Real in Madrid, from the Salzburg Festival to the Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, to name a few.

Prized with the “Premio Abbiati”, she has worked with such conductors as Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Riccardo Muti, Myung-whun Chung, Riccardo Chailly, James Levine, Antonio Pappano, Gianandrea Noseda, Alberto Zedda, Roberto Abbado, Valery Gergiev, Bruno Campanella, Sir Colin Davis, Gianluigi Gelmetti, Lorin Maazel, Michele Mariotti, Kent Nagano, Georges Prêtre, Wolfgang Sawallisch, Juraj Valčuha, Zubin Mehta and with such stage directors as David McVicar, Robert Carsen, Luca Ronconi, Damiano Michieletto, Pierluigi Pizzi, Mario Martone, Hugo de Ana, Paul Curran, David Alden, Yannis Kokkos, and Emilio Sagi.

In Italy she has been acclaimed numerous times at La Scala in Milan (*Lucrezia Borgia*, *Iphigénie en Aulide*, *Il viaggio a Reims*, *La donna del lago*, *Luisa Miller*, *Falstaff*, *Les Troyens*) where she also sang *Europa Riconosciuta* conducted by Riccardo Muti on 7 December 2004 for the Opera House’s historical re-opening, at the Rossini Opera Festival in Pesaro (*Tancredi*, *La donna del lago*, *Semiramide*, *Bianca e Falliero*, *Adelaide di Borgogna*, *Maometto II*, *Sigismondo*, *Stabat Mater*, *Petite messe solennelle* marking the 150th anniversary of the composer’s death), at the Teatro Regio di Torino (*Anna Bolena*, *Tancredi*, *Don Carlo*, *Samson et Dalila*, Verdi’s *Requiem*, Rossini’s *Stabat Mater*), at the Teatro dell’Opera di Roma (*Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *La fiamma*, *Cenerentola*, *L’Italiana in Algeri*, *Tancredi*, *Semiramide*), at the Comunale in Bologna (*Giulio Cesare*) and Florence (*Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *L’Italiana in Algeri*, *Tancredi*, *Orfeo ed Euridice*), at the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia (Verdi’s *Requiem*, *Il viaggio a Reims*, *Petite messe solennelle*), at the Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, at the Sferisterio in Macerata (*Norma* and Verdi’s *Requiem*), at the Arena and Teatro Filarmonico in Verona (Verdi’s *Requiem*, *Aida*, *L’Italiana in Algeri*), at the Teatro Regio in Parma (*Norma*), at the San Carlo in Napoli (*Anna Bolena*, *Orfeo ed Euridice*), at the Carlo Felice in Genoa (*Cenerentola*, Verdi’s *Requiem*, *La Favorite*), at the Teatro Massimo in Palermo (*Stabat Mater*, *Norma*), at the Teatro Verdi in Trieste (*Ginevra di Scozia* by Simon Mayr, *Tancredi*, *L’Italiana in Algeri*), at the Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino (Paisiello’s *Missa defunctorum*) and she made her debut at the opening concert of the Donizetti Opera 2018 festival.

Outside Italy she has been invited by the Berliner Philharmoniker (Verdi’s *Requiem*), Munich’s Rundfunkorchester (*Orfeo ed Euridice* by Gluck), the London Symphony Orchestra (*Roméo et Juliette* by Berlioz, Verdi’s *Requiem*), the Deutsche Oper in Berlino (*Les Troyens* by Berlioz, *La Gioconda*), New York’s Metropolitan (*Norma*, *La donna del lago*), the Royal Opera House of London (*La donna del lago*,

Semiramide), Staatsoper Unter den Linden (*Falstaff* conducted by Daniel Barenboim and directed by Mario Martone), the Opéra National de Paris, the Théâtre des Champs Elysées in Paris (*I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, *La donna del lago*, *Don Carlo*), the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich (*L'Italiana in Algeri*, *Semiramide*), the Teatro Real in Madrid (*Semiramide*, *Tancredi*, *The Rake's Progress*, *Aida*, *Falstaff*, *Un ballo in maschera*), the Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona (*Semiramide*, *La favorite*), the Palau de les Arts in Valencia (*Les Troyens*, *Aida*), the Palacio Euskalduna in Bilbao (*I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, *L'Italiana in Algeri*, *Cavalleria rusticana*), the Staatsoper in Vienna (*Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *L'Italiana in Algeri*), the Grand Théâtre in Ginevra (*Semiramide*), the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam (Puccini's *Triptych*, Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*), the Semperoper in Dresden (Verdi's *Requiem*, *L'Italiana in Algeri*, *La Favorite*), the Tel Aviv Opera (*Norma*), the Oviedo Opera (*L'Italiana in Algeri*, *Tancredi*), the Salzburg Festival (Verdi's *Requiem*, *Romeo et Juliette* by Gounod, *La donna del lago*, *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, *I pellegrini al sepolcro di Nostro Signore*, *Aida*), the Sydney Opera House (Verdi's *Requiem*, Rossini's *Stabat Mater*), the Festival Radio France Occitanie Montpellier (*La donna del lago*), Las Palmas' Opera Season (*Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *I Capuleti ed i Montecchi*, *La Favorite*) and the Opéra de Wallonie in Liege (*La donna del lago*), in Tokyo (*Tancredi*, *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *Stabat Mater*, *Bajazet* by Vivaldi), ABAO Olbe (*Don Carlos*, *Semiramide*), the NCPA Opera in Beijing and the Festival Verdi in Tbilisi (*Aida*). She also performed in Verdi's *Requiem* with Konzerthausorchester Berlin led by Juraj Valčuha and with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Riccardo Muti, in *Heroic Bel Canto* recital with works by Bellini, Donizetti, Rossini in Melbourne and in Rossini's *Stabat mater* at the Baalbeck International Festival in Lebanon with the Bucharest radio chamber Orchestra conducted by Toufic Maatouk.

Recently, Daniela Barcellona sang Mrs Quickly in *Falstaff* at the Staatsoper Berlin conducted by Zubin Mehta and directed by Mario Martone, at the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence and at the Opéra de Lyon directed by Barry Kosky; Duchess Federica in *Luisa Miller* at the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma; Madame de la Haltière in *Cendrillon* at the Opéra National de Paris; Laura in *Gioconda* at the Teatro alla Scala; Ulrica in *Un ballo in maschera* at the Verbier Festival and at the Liceu in Barcelona where she also interpreted Zia Principessa in *Suor Angelica*, Zita in *Gianni Schicchi* and la Principessa di Bouillon in *Adriana Lecouvreur*, Orfeo in *Orfeo ed Euridice* in Trieste, she sang for the first time Marguerite in *La Damnation de Faust* at the Teatro San Carlo and Eduardo in *Eduardo e Cristina* at the ROF, she debuted at the Teatro Colon as Giovanna Seymour in *Anna Bolena*. She performed Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* at Circo Massimo and at the San Marco Church in Milan with the Chorus and Orchestra of the Teatro alla Scala for the Requiem 150th anniversary, Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* at the Arena di Verona and she sang in two recitals at the ABAO Bilbao Opera and at the Wexford Festival. In the coming months she will be engaged at the ABAO Bilbao Opera in *Tristan und Isolde* and at the Teatro alla Scala in the premiere of Francesco Filidei's *Il nome della rosa*, an opera based on the novel by Umberto Eco and directed by Damiano Michieletto.

Some of the awards she has been granted include the "Lucia Valentini-Terrani" award, the "Aureliano Pertile" award, the "International Opera Award", the "CD Classica", the "Rossini d'oro", the "San Giusto d'Oro", the "Sigillo trecentesco di Trieste", the "Oscar della lirica" award, and the "Laurence Olivier Award", the "Pesaro Music Award" and the "Tutto Verdi International Award".

She has made numerous recordings, including albums dedicated to Scarlatti and Pergolesi (released by Sony); works by Rossini including *Stabat Mater*, *Petite messe solennelle*, *Giovanna D'Arco*, two editions of *Tancredi*, *Bianca e Falliero*, *Adelaide di Borgogna*, *Sigismondo*, and *Il viaggio a Reims*; Bellini (two editions of *Norma*); Mayr and Meyerbeer (respectively *Ginevra di Scozia* and *Margherita d'Anjou*); as well as Verdi's *Requiem* (a celebrated recording with Claudio Abbado and the Berliner Philharmoniker) and the monumental *Les Troyens* by Berlioz, conducted by Valery Gergiev.

A complete studio recording of Rossini's last and one of his greatest Italian operas, *Semiramide*, starring Albina Shagimuratova, conducted by Sir Mark Elder, has been released by Opera Rara in 2018. The album was awarded the Recording of the Month by Opera, Gramophone & BBC Music Magazine and was chosen as one of the Gramophone, IClassical & Sunday Times 2018 Recordings of the Year. It also received the Opera Award 2019 as "Best Recording Complete Opera".

Two DVDs of Falstaff have recently been released, one recorded at the Teatro Real in Madrid in a new production by Laurent Pelly, the second, a production by Mario Martone, released by C Major Entertainment and recorded at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden. In 2022, moreover, the recordings of Verdi's *Requiem* conducted by Gianandrea Noseda at the Verbier Festival and of the *Stabat Mater* conducted by Gustavo Gimeno on the podium of the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg were released.