



**KATERINA MINÁ, SOPRANO**  
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Katerina Miná is making a name for herself as one of the finest sopranos of her generation. Originally a pianist and a music teacher, Katerina completed a BMus (Hons) Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Music Performance (Opera) at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Her opera studies were sponsored by the Corporation of London, the A.G. Leventis Foundation, and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. The Greek Cypriot soprano was a prize winner in two international singing competitions, the "1st Concorso Vocale Internazionale di Musica Sacra" in Rome, and the "7<sup>th</sup> Julian Gayarre International Singing Competition" in Spain. Katerina is based in London where she continues her vocal studies with soprano Janice Chapman.

Katerina recently sang the role of Violetta from *La Traviata* in Kuwait, and appeared at Megaron in Athens with the National Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of ERT, in C. Pitta's symphonic work *1973* for soprano, orchestra, chorus and electronic sound track. With the Kolobov Novaya Opera Theatre of Moscow she performed the role of Nedda *I Pagliacci*. Most recently Katerina sang the title role from Poulenc's opera *La Voix Humaine* within the Kypria International Music Festival and she appeared as Fiordiligi *Così fan tutte* on a tour in the Far-East and Middle-East with European Chamber Opera. Other operatic roles include Donna Elvira *Don Giovanni* with Staatstheater Cottbus, Mimi *La Bohème* with European Chamber Opera and British Youth Opera, Karolka *Jenufa* with English Touring Opera, and Maria *West Side Story* with Oxford Philomusica.

Concert performances include a most recent concert of David Fanshawe's *African Sanctus* in Bahrain, the London Song Festival 2010, and Beethoven's *Choral Symphony no.9* at St. John's Smith Square. Other concert performances include Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Stanley Hall Opera, Haydn's *Scena di Berenice* with the Georgisches Kammerorchester, Charalambous' *Requiem for Heroes* for soprano, baritone, chorus, organ and symphony orchestra, world premières of C. Stylianou's song cycles *Of the Beautiful Kingdom* for voice and piano, A. Sakali's oratorio *Liturgy beneath the Acropolis* with Oxford Philomusica, the *orchestral songs* of H. Duparc and *oratorios* of M. Theodorakis with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra.

Katerina has given numerous recitals and concerts in the UK, Germany, Finland, Italy, France, Japan, Cyprus, Greece, and the Middle East, and has recorded music for ERT, and CyBC Radio and Television. Her performance venues include, amongst others, the Athens Concert Hall (Megaron), Konzerthaus Berlin, Gasteig Munich, Hackney Empire, Buxton Opera House, St. John's Smith Square, Sheldonian Theatre, De Montfort Hall, Leighton House Museum, London Hellenic Centre, the 'Juhlasali' of the Helsinki City Hall, Saint-Louis Cathedral at Les Invalides in Paris, Athenaeum Concert Hall and Theocharakis Foundation of Fine Arts in Athens, and all major theatres in Cyprus.

Katerina represented Cyprus at the Celebratory Concert for the accession of Cyprus to the Euro Area with Christos Pitta's symphonic works *Helen* and *Rime d'Amore* (world-premiere), and was nominated to represent Cyprus at the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Delphic Games in Saratov; she performed at the Festivals 'Roman River Music' in Essex, 'EKON' in London, 'Around the Piano' in Athens and 'Manolis Kalomiris Festival' in Samos. Katerina was selected by British Youth Opera to participate in a Masterclass led by Tenor José Cura.

Future engagements for Katerina include Verdi's Requiem at St. John's Smith Square, recitals at Megaron in Athens and London Hellenic Centre to celebrate Schumann's and Chopin's birthday anniversaries, further performances of Violetta *La Traviata*, appearances at Festivals EKON in London and 'Eure poetique et Musicale' in France, a collaboration with composer Michalis Christodoulides and the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra, and a special appearance at DJ Ritu's BBC London Radio show 'A World In London'.

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