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INGA SCHÄFER



Inga Schäfer began her singing career in 2007 with Dorothee Wohlgemuth. She first studied music (Viola) at Folkwang University of the Arts where she also completed a diploma in vocal pedagogy. She continued her education with vocal studies with Prof. Rachel Robins and various master classes as well as master studies in contemporary music with Prof. Angelika Luz.

In 2014/15 she was a member of the opera studio at Lübeck Theatre. During this time she had several guest appearances at Dortmund, Magdeburg, Deutsche Oper am Rhein, Pforzheim as well as Landestheater Detmold.

2016-17 she was a member of the SWR vocal ensemble and has been an avid performer of contemporary music ever since. She was awarded, among others, the Folkwang Prize for Performance and the Prize for Performance of Contemporary Music at Bundeswettbewerb Berlin.

In 2017/18 she became a member of the Theater Freiburg opera Ensembles. Her repertoire includes Méliande, Donna Elvira, Miss Jessel, Dido, Fuchs, Ariodante, Hänsel, Marnie, Fremde Fürstin, Offred (The Handmaids Tale), Lisa (Pique Dame), Jenufa, Kitty Oppenheimer and Iphigénie.

ACADEMIC STUDIES

2007 - 2012

1. Staatsexamen - Lehramt Musik für Gymnasium und Gesamtschule, Hauptfach Viola, Folkwang UdK Essen

2009 - 2012

Diplom Gesangspädagogik - Prof. R. Robins, Folkwang UdK Essen

2009 - 2013

Bachelor of Music Gesang / Musiktheater - Prof. R. Robins Folkwang UdK Essen

2013-2016

M.Mus. Vocal Performance - Prof. R. Robins Folkwang UdK Essen

2014- 2015

M.Mus. Opernelitestudio - Opernelitestudio Lübeck

2017

Masterstudium Neue Musik - Prof. Angelika Luz, HMDK Stuttgart

2021 - now

Bachelorstudium Psychologie - Fernuni Hagen

Grants & Awards

2007 - 2009

Excellence Stipendium - Folkwang UdK Essen

2011

NRW-Stipendium (Gesang)

2014

Live-Music-Now Stipendium - LMN Rhein-Ruhr

2016

Stipendium - Richard-Wagner-Verband Wuppertal

2016

Folkwang Preis - für "Performing Arts / Darstellung"

2017

Förderpreis - Anneliese Rothenberg Competition

2018

Preis für Performance Neue Musik - Bundeswettbewerb Berlin

CAREER (Theater)

2014 - 2016

Opernelitestudio Theater Lübeck - Gastengagements: Theater Dortmund, Rheinoper Düsseldorf, Theater Magdeburg

2016 - 2017

SWR Vokalensemble - Gastengagements: Theater Magdeburg

2017 - now

Ensemblemitglied Theater Freiburg - Gastengagements: Theater Pforzheim, Landestheater Detmold, Lauttencompagney Berlin, Händelfestspiele Halle (digital), Händelfestspiele Karlsruhe

Repertoire

Iphigénie - Iphigénie en Tauride - 2025 / 26 - Theater Freiburg

Kitty Oppenheimer - Doctor Atomic - 2025 - Theater Freiburg

Jenufa - Jenufa - 2025 - Theater Freiburg

Lisa - Pique Dame - 2024 - Theater Freiburg

Offred - The Handmaid's Tale - 2024 - Theater Freiburg

Hänsel - Hänsel und Gretel - 2023/24 - Theater Freiburg

Ruggiero - Alcina - 2024 - LC Berlin

Dido - Dido und Aeneas - 2021-24 - LC Berlin

Licida - L'Olimpiade - 2023 - Theater Freiburg

Jenny / Polly - Dreigroschen-oper - 2023/24 - Theater Freiburg
Fremde Fürstin / Küchenjunge Marnie - Marnie - 2023 - Theater Freiburg
Voice - Escape (UA) Cheng/Wang - 2023 - Theater Freiburg
Ulrich von Hutten - The Folly (UA: Bollon) - 2022 - Theater Freiburg
Suzuki - Madama Butterfly - 2022/23 - Theater Freiburg
Fuchs - Das schlaue Füchslein - 2022 - Theater Freiburg
Lapak / Paskowa - Das schlaue Füchslein - 2021 - Theater Freiburg
Cherubino - Le nozze di Figaro - 2020-22 - Theater Freiburg, Landestheater Detmold
Fetonte - Fetonte (konzertant) - 2021 - LC Berlin
Ariodante - Ariodante (konzertant) - 2021 - Lauttencompagney, (LC) Berlin
Dido - Dido und Aeneas - 2020/21 - Theater Freiburg
Anna 7 Todsünden - 2020 - Theater Freiburg
Donna Elvira Don Giovanni - 2022 - Theater Pforzheim, 2019 - Theater Freiburg
Miss Jessel - Turn of the Screw - 2019 - Theater Freiburg
Mélisande - Pelléas und Mélisande - 2019 - Theater Freiburg
Meg Page - Falstaff - 2019 - Theater Freiburg
Olga - Eugen Onegin - 2018 - Theater Freiburg
Orlofsky - Die Fledermaus - 2018 - Theater Freiburg
Mother / Other Mother - Coraline - 2018 - Theater Freiburg
Harper Pitt / Ethel Rosenberg / Angel - Angels in America - 2018 - Theater Freiburg
Varvara - Katja Kabanova - 2018 - Theater Freiburg
Muse / Nicklausse - Contes d'Hoffmann - 2017/18 - Theater Freiburg
2./3. Nympe - Rusalka - 2017 - Theater Magdeburg
Frl. Kost - Cabaret - 2017 - Theater Magdeburg
Frl. Grubach - Der Prozess - 2016 - Theater Magdeburg
3. Magd - Elektra - 2015/16 - Theater Magdeburg
La Voix - Voix Humaine - 2015 - Folkwang UdK
Flora - La Traviata - 2015 - Theater Magdeburg
Tisbe - La Cenerentola - 2014 - Theater Dortmund
Theater Lübeck
Dorabella - Così fan tutte - 2012 - Münster
2. Dame - Die Zauberflöte - 2012 / 2024 - Theater Hagen /
Theater Freiburg