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## KÁROLY SZEMERÉDY



Karoly Szemeredy is one of the most remarkable and important singers of his generation.

Károly Szemeredy started his singing career at the age of eleven years in the children's choir of the Hungarian State Opera Budapest and completed his vocal studies later on with Hungarian Soprano Margit László next to studying tourism and international relations in his hometown Budapest.

He has won several vocal competitions and in 2007 gave his debut as Lowitskij (Boris Godunov) at Teatro Real Madrid where he also sang smaller roles such as Don Basilio (Il Barbiere di Siviglia), Pflieger des Orest (Elektra), First Nazarene (Salome) among others.

He then had his first guest appearances at Teatr Wielki Warsaw (Escamillo in Carmen), Teatro Regio Torino, Harasta (Janaceks The Cunning little Vixen) at Opéra de Lyon.

### **Latest engagements:**

2024. Budapest: "Vodnik" in Rusalka

Budapest: "DonGiovanni in Don Giovanni

Lyon: "Dr. Kolenaty" in The Makropoulos Case

Bayerische Staatsoper : "Orest" again

Budapest: "Richard Nixon" in Nixon in China

2023. L yon-Bluebeard's Castle

Budapest- Iphigenia in Tauris ("Thoas")

Budapest (Müpa)

Paris (Opera Bastille)- Dr.Kolenaty in Makropulos Case

Budapest: "Donner" in Rheingold

In 2022 he sang "Klingsor" in Parsifal and "Gunther" in Götterdämmerung in the Hungarian National Opera and Gunther also at Müpa. In the same year he sang "Bluebeard's Castle" in Buenos Aires (Teatro Colòn). Still in 2022 he sang "Orest" at Bayerische Staatsoper.

In 2021 he sang "Bluebeard" in Bluebeard's Castle, in Opera de Lyon and "Orest" at Grand Theatre de Geneve.

He started the year 2020 in Theater an der Wien, where the world premiere of Egmont was held (he played Machiavelli), but the following production (Fidelio) was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. In October he sang in Grand Theatre de Geneve, Dr. Kolenaty, in Makropulos case.

At the beginning of 2019 he returned to Opéra de Lyon singing Shishkov in Janacek's From the House of the Dead. Later in 2019 he returned to the Hungarian State Opera's stage, where he played Michele in Il Tabarro, and also he was on tour in Tel-Aviv with the The Queen of Sheba (as King Salomon)

In the 2017/2018 season he gave a highly successful debut as Bartók's Bluebeard and sang Orest in a concert performance of Strauss' Elektra at Concertgebouw Amsterdam before giving his debut with the Salzburg Festival (Henze's The Bassarids).

In 2015 he gave a highly acclaimed role debut as King Salomon in the rediscovery of K. Goldmark's The Queen of Sheba with CD recording (for cpo classics) at German Theater Freiburg and later on at the Hungarian State Opera Munich.

This was followed by appearances at Opera Vlaanderen Antwerp (Orest in Strauss' Elektra and Dr. Kolenaty in Janacek's The Makropulos Case), Théâtre de la Monnaie Bruxelles, Palau de Les Arts Valencia, Teatro Municipal de Lima (title part in Rossini's Guillaume Tell), Teatr Wielki Warsaw, Teatro la Fenice Venice, several roles at Opéra de Lyon (Water Spirit in Dvorak's Rusalka among others) and the Hungarian State Opera Budapest (Michele in Puccini's Il Tabarro, Mephistopheles in Gounod's Faust, Escamillo, Jeletzkij in Tchaikovsky's Pique Dame among others).

### ***Nixon in China* Oper Budapest**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIt2CgM2YCo>

### **Repertory**

**Adams** - Nixon in China - Richard Nixon

**Bartók** - Herzog Blaubart - Blaubart

**Beethoven** - Fidelio - Don Fernando - Don Pizarro

**Bizet** - Carmen - Escamillo

**Britten** - Peter Grimes - Mr. Swallow

**Debussy** - Pelléas et Mélisande - Golaud

**Dvorak** - Rusalka - Der Wassermann

**Erkel** - Bánk bán - Petúr bán

**Gershwin** - Porgy and Bess - Krone

**Giordano** - Andrea Chénier - Schmidt

**Gluck** - Iphigénie en Tauride - Thoas  
**Goldmark** - Die Königin von Saba - King Salomon  
**Haydn** - La vera costanza - Villotto  
**Henze** - The Bassarids - Der Hauptmann der königlichen Wache  
**Janáček** - Schlaue Füchlein - Háraschta  
Jenůfa - Starek  
Sache Makropulos - Dr. Kolenaty  
Totenhaus - Schischkow  
The Excursions of Mr Broucek - Sakristan/Glencek/Domsik  
**Jost** - Egmont - Macchiavelli  
**Mascagni** - Cavalleria rusticana - Alfio  
**Massenet** - Thaïs - Palemon  
**Meyerbeer** - Les Huguenots - Graf von Nevers  
**Mozart** - Le nozze di Figaro - Der Graf Almaviva  
Don Giovanni - Don Giovanni  
**Musorgski** - Boris Godunov - Nikititsch  
**Puccini** - Gianni Schicchi - Gianni Schicchi  
Il tabarro - Michee  
Tosca - Baron Scarpia  
Madama Butterfly - Sharpless  
**Rossini** - Guillaume Tell - Wilhelm Tell  
Barbier u. Sevilla - Don Barilo  
**Strauss** - Elektra - Orest - Der Pfleger des Orest  
Salome - Johanaan  
**Tschaikowski, P. I.** - Pikovaya Dama - Fürst Jelezki - Coun Tomsy  
**Verdi** - Aida - Der König von Ägypten  
Simon Boccanegra - Pietro  
Un ballo in maschera - Renato  
**Wagner, Richard** - Götterdämmerung - Gunther  
Parsifal - Klingsor  
Lohengrin - Fredrick of Telramund  
Fliegender Holländer - Holländer