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KÁROLY SZEMERÉDY



Károly Szemerédy is one of the most remarkable and important singers of his generation.

Károly Szemerédy 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), Pfleger 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 and in 2013 gave his debut at the Bavarian State Opera Munich (Nikititsch in Boris Godunov).

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. Lyon-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 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 copclassics) 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

Author	Title	Role
Richard Strauss	Elektra	Orest
Richard Strauss	Salome	Jochanaan
G. Rossini	Sevillai borbély	Don Basilio
G. Rossini	Tell Vilmos	Tell Vilmos
Puccini	Il Tabarro	Michele
Puccini	Gianni Schicci	Gianni Schicci
Puccini	Madama Butterfly	Sharpless

Author	Title	Role
Benjamin Britten	Peter Grimes	Mr. Swallow
Janáček	Cunning little vixen	Harasta
Janáček	Makropulos ügy	Dr. Kolenaty
Janáček	From the house of deads	Siskov
Janáček	Jenůfa	Starek
Dvořák	Rusalka	Vodník
Mozart	Don Giovanni	Don Giovanni
Bartók Béla	Kékszakállú herceg vára	Kékszakállú herceg
Goldmark Károly	The Queen of Sheba	King Salomon
Richard Wagner	Parsifal	Klingsor
Richard Wagner	Götterdämmerung	Gunther
Tchaikovsky	Dame Pique	Count Tomsky
Erkel Ferenc	Bánk Bán	Petúr bán
Hans Werner Henze	The Bassarids	Captain, Adonis
Beethoven	Fidelio	Don Fernando
Beethoven	Fidelio	Pizarro
Richard Wagner	The Flying Dutchman	The Dutchman
Verdi	Tosca	Scarpia