



## PAULA ALMERARES – SOPRANO

### BIOGRAPHY

Paula Almerares was born in Argentina and started her vocal studies in Buenos Aires with Mirtha Garbarini and went on to study in France under the tutelage of Janine Reiss. Her operatic debut was as **Musetta** in *La bohème* at the Teatro Argentino de La Plata and in 1993 she performed at the Teatro Colón de Buenos Aires as **Antonia** in *Les contes d'Hoffmann* with the tenor Alfredo Kraus. It was this role that earned her "The Best Argentinian Singer Award". Her European debut followed in 1995 at La Fenice, Venice in *Orfeo ed Euridice*.

Paula has performed extensively in South America as well as in North America and Europe at venues including Teatro Colón de Buenos Aires, Teatro Argentino de La Plata, Metropolitan Opera, Washington Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Teatro La Fenice, Teatro Verdi di Trieste, Teatro San Carlo – Naples, Teatro Carlo Felice – Genoa, Teatro Regio di Torino and Teatro Lirico di Cagliari.

She has worked with many acclaimed singers, conductors and directors including Alfredo Kraus, Plácido Domingo, Mirella Freni, Juan Diego Flórez, Lorin Maazel, Sir Neville Marriner, Renato Bruson and Zubin Mehta.

Her repertoire includes Massenet's **Manon**, **Cleopatra** *Giulio Cesare*, **Marguerite** *Faust*, **Lucia** *Lucia di Lammermoor*, **Liù** *Turandot*, **Violetta** *La traviata*, **Juliette** *Roméo et Juliette*, **Leïla** *Les pêcheurs de perles*, **Musetta** *La bohème* and rarely performed roles including **Giulietta** in *Romeo e Giulietta* by Vaccai.

Paula is also an experienced performer of chamber and choral works including Debussy's *Le Martire de Saint-Sebastien* with the London Symphony Orchestra, Mozart & Brahms *Requiem*, Rossini & Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*, Bach *Magnificat*, *Cantata 147* and *Oratorio de Pascua*, Mahler *Fourth Symphony* and *Lauda per la nativita del Signore* and *Maria Egipziaca* by Respighi. She tours regularly in Europe with Maestro Claudio Scimone performing works by Mozart, Handel, Albinoni and Mercadante.

In the current season she will perform **Lucia** *Lucia di Lammermoor* for the Teatro El Círculo de Rosario in Argentina, **Giulietta** in *I Capuleti e I Montecchi* and her role début as **Maria Stuarda** in Rio de Janeiro.

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