

mezzo-soprano ESSI LUTTINEN



Biography

Essi Luttinen is an exceptionally many-sided and expressive young Finnish mezzo-soprano whose voice is widely celebrated for its beauty and tone. Her extensive repertoire consists of works from early baroque to contemporary music, and she is a sought-after performer both as a concert singer and a versatile role player in music theatre.

As an artist Essi Luttinen is also ready to break traditional expression and explore the unconventional. In her repertoire there is a large number of first performances of the contemporary music. As the Artistic Director of Opera Skaala, an ensemble that focuses on contemporary opera, Essi Luttinen has taken part in the creation and reinterpretation of totally new innovative concepts of performing and music.

Essi Luttinen has appeared in opera roles in the Finnish National Opera, the Savonlinna Opera Festival and the Bergen National Opera, and the operas of Oulu, Turku, Jyväskylä and Tampere, among others. Examples of her current season's soloist appearances are with Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, Pori Sinfonietta and Hyvinkää Orchestra, and with Korsholm Music Festival and Sata-soitto Festival.

Essi Luttinen has received the first prize in Merikanto singing competition in Art Centre Salmela, and the second prize in the Lappeenranta National Song Contest. She has also been given the Karita Mattila Prize, not only for the quality of her voice but also for her exceptional stage charisma. Essi's latest significant artistic project is Opera Skaala, an ensemble whose unique concept combines baroque opera and electronic dance music. In 2015 Opera Skaala won third place in Uuden Musiikin Kilpailu (UMK), the music competition that selects Finland's entries for the Eurovision Song Contest.

Education

1998-2005 MMus at the Sibelius Academy (opera class 2003-2005), Helsinki
2003-2004 Postgraduate Diploma (Opera) at The Benjamin Britten International Opera School, London
2002-2003 Graduate Diploma at the Department of Vocal Music at the Royal College of Music, London
1996-1998 Turku Conservatory, Turku

SINGING TEACHERS / coaches

Marjut Hannula, Sibelius Academy, Helsinki
Taru Valjakka, Turku Conservatory, Turku
Taimi Airola, Turku Conservatory, Turku
Margaret Cable, Royal College of Music, London
Renato Federighi, Rome
Anna Bergamo (assistant Studienleiter), Hamburg
Elisabeth Werres, Berlin

Operatic Roles

Nerone, L'Incoronazione di Poppea, Helsinki Baroque Orchestra
Rosina, Il barbiere di Siviglia, Bravo!, Kuopio, Finland
Aloès, L'Etoile, Den nye opera, Bergen
Lucienne, Die tote Stadt, Finnish National Opera
Siebel, Faust, Finnish National Opera
Dorabella, Così fan tutte, Turku Opera
Kate, Owen Wingrave, Tapiola Sinfonietta
Mercédès, Carmen, Finnish National Opera
Olga, Jevgeni Onegin, Jyväskylä Opera
La Marchesa Melibea, Il viaggio a Reims, Finnish National Opera
Charlady / Bag Lady, The nr. 11 bus, Helsinki Chamber opera
Second Lady, The Magic Flute, Savonlinna Opera Festival and Tampere Opera
Sextus, La clemenza di Tito, Sibelius Academy Opera
Sosarme, Sosarme, London Handel Festival
Nerone, Agrippina, London Handel Festival
Nancy, Albert Herring, Benjamin Britten International Opera School
L'Architecture, Les Arts Florissants, Sibelius Academy Opera Les Arts Florissants
Cherubino, Le Nozze di Figaro, Sibelius Academy Opera, Bravo!, Rovaniemen kaupunginorkesteri

WORLD PREMIERS:

Juha T. Koskinen: Madame de Sade, Renée, Ooppera Skaala
Olli Kortekangas: Daddy's girl, Ulla, Savonlinna Operafestival
Olli Kortekangas: Messenius ja Lucia, Karla, Oulu ooppera
Kirjo Lintinen: Fitness-kevytooppera, Minttu, Ooppera Skaala
Visa Oscar: The Great Conspiracy, Jackie, Ooppera Skaala
Visa Oscar/Antonio Vivaldi: La Furia delle Costellazioni, Kosmonaut, Ooppera Skaala
Miiika Hyytiäinen: Omnivore, O (mobiliiooppera)
Ooppera Skaala: Transit, Ooppera Skaala

Oratorios & Concerts

ALTO SOLOIS

J.S. Bach:

St John Passion, Turku Philharmonic Orchestra

St Matthew Passion, Sofia Magdalena Kuoro, Oulu

Cantatas 70, 170, Kampin Laulu Chamber Choir

Cantatas 170, 35, Temppeliaukio Church, Helsinki

Christmas Oratorio, St. John's Smith Square, Peter Schreier, Lappeenranta City Orchestra, Anssi Mattila

A.Dvorak: Mass in D major, Song of Finland, Urkuyö ja Aaria

J. Haydn: Requiem Avanti, John Storgårds

Die Sieben Letzten Worte unseres Erlösers am Kreuze, Helsinki Baroque Orchestra

W.A. Mozart: Requiem, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, John Storgårds

A.Vivaldi: Gloria, St.Michel Strings, Ari Angervo

G.F. Händel: The Messiah, Academic Choral Society

F. Schubert: Mass in E flat major Tampere Philharmonic Choir

L. van Beethoven: Symphony no. 9, Tampere Philharmonic Choir, Hannu Lintu

A. Caldara Cantata: Soffri, mio caro Alcino

C.H. Graun: Osteratorium

B. Pergolesi: Stabat Mater, Turku Philharmonic Orchestra

SOPRANO AND MEZZO SOLOIST

J.S. Bach: Mass in B minor Anton Bruckner Choir & Orchestra, London

A. Scarlatti: Cantate pastorale per la nativita di nostro Signore Gesu Christo

O. Respighi: Christmas Cantata, Suomen Laulu

Il tramonto, Refugium Musicum

W.A. Mozart: 6 Notturni; Mass in C minor

G.F. Händel:

Cantata 'Crudel tiranno amor' HWV 97

Cantata 'Lungi da me' HWV 125b

Cantata La Lucrezia 'O numi eterni' HWV 145

A.Vivaldi: Solo Motet RV 627

OTHER CONCERTS

H. Berlioz: Le nuits d'été, Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra, Peter Stark

A. Copland: In the beginning, Whitehall Choir, London

J. Brahms: Zwei Gesänge, op. 91, Turku Music Festival

G. Mahler: Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen, The Polytech Orchestra

A. Mahler: Orchestral Songs, Pori Sinfonietta, Jorma Panula

J. Sibelius: Orchestral Songs, Turku Philharmonic Orchestra

Mikko Heiniö: Syyskesän laulu, Refugium Musicum

A.Vivaldi:

Arias from operas Il Farnace, Finnish Baroque Orchestra

Giustino, Finnish Baroque Orchestra

Juditha Triumphans, Finnish Baroque Orchestra

Griselda, Finnish Baroque Orchestra

GIVEN CONCERTS AND RECITALS IN FOLLOWING FESTIVALS AND COUNTRIES

Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival 2005

Usedomer Musikfestival 2005

Turku Music Festival 2006

Savonlinna Opera Festival 2006

Festival de l'été Mosan 2006

London, Tokyo

Competitions and Prizes

2015 Uuden Musiikin kilpailu (UMK) Third Runner up

2006 Lappeenranta National Song Competition Lappeenranta, Finland Second Prize

2005 Karita Mattila Prize

2005 Merikanto Singing Competition in Art Centre Salmela, Mäntyharju, Finland First Prize

2004 Competizione dell'Opera, Dresden Finalist

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