

soprano
REETTA HAAVISTO



Biography

The Finnish Lyric Dramatic Soprano Reetta Haavisto is known for her beautifully sonorous voice with its buoyant, luminous tone.

She has studied at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences and in 2013 she graduated from the Sibelius Academy with an honours degree and a diploma in singing. Her teachers have included Irja Auroora, Pirkko Törnqvist-Paakkanen, Juha Karvonen and Raija Kemppainen. Reetta Haavisto has also studied Lied repertoire with Heikki Pellinen, Ulrich Rademacher and Helmut Deutch. She has a wide repertoire of Lied music including J. Sibelius, S. Rachmaninov and R. Strauss. Reetta Haavisto has recorded Rachmaninov's Lied music with pianist Jouni Somero.

Spring 2011 Reetta Haavisto made her debut at the Finnish National Opera in the role of Madama Cortese in *Il viaggio a Reims*. Season (2013-2014) she appeared in performances of *Don Pasquale* (Norina) and in *Turandot* (Liù) at the Finnish National Opera. December 2014 she sang as the soprano soloist in Beethoven's 9th Symphony with Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra. Summer 2014 Reetta Haavisto made her debut at Savonlinna Opera Festival in the novel production of the Aulis Sallinen's *Kullervo* (Sister). May 2015 she appeared as a soprano soloist in the J. Sibelius' *Kullervo* symphony in Bern with maestro Dima Slobodeniouk and baritone Tommi Hakala. January 2016 she appeared as Donna Elvira in the new production of the *Don Giovanni* in Jyväskylä, Finland. June 2016 Reetta Haavisto sang as a soprano soloist in the Verdi's *Requiem* in Eurajoki BelCanto. December 2016 she appeared as a soprano soloist in Zemlinsky's *Lyric Symphony* in the opening gala of the Comic Opera Helsinki. March 2017 Reetta Haavisto sang the title role of the *Arabella* in the Aino Ackté festival in Helsinki.

In the 2010 Lappeenranta Singing Competition she was awarded a special prize. In spring 2015 Reetta Haavisto was awarded a lied prize in the 7th Internationaler Lions Gesangswettbewerb des Opernfestivals Gut Immling.

Awards

Kokkola Lied -competition 2007, 1st prize with pianist Sanni Antikainen
The Lied pianist Competition of Poleeni, Pieksamäki 2008, 1st prize with pianist Juho Alakärppä
Timo Mustakallio -singing competition, Savonlinna 2008, finalist
Kangasniemi singing competition 2009, 3rd prize
Lappeenranta National Singing Competition 2010, finalist and special prize
Lappeenranta National Singing Competition 2013, finalist

Opera

G. Verdi: Leonora / Il Trovatore, upcoming in 2018
R. Strauss: Arabella / Arabella, Concertante 2017
G. Bizet: Michaela / Carmen, Concertante 2016
W.A. Mozart: Donna Elvira / Don Giovanni, Jyväskylä 2015
A. Sallinen: Sisar / Kullervo, Savonlinna Opera Festival 2014
G. Puccini: Liù / Turandot, Finnish Nationalopera 2013
G. Donizetti: Norina / Don Pasquale, Finnish Nationalopera 2013
W. A. Mozart: Contessa Almaviva / Le nozze di Figaro, Sibelius Academy 2012
G. Rossini: Madama Cortese / Il viaggio a Reims, Finnish Nationalopera 2012
O.Kortekangas: Johanna / Yhden yön juttu, Sibelius Academy 2011
S. Barber: Geraldine / A Hand of Bridge, Sibelius Academy 2010
J. Haydn: Clarice / Il mondo della luna, Kulttuuri Arena Gloria 2009
T. Pasatieri: Celia / Signor Deluso, Bio Pallas, Karjaa 2009
F. Lehar: Valencienne / Die lustige Witwe, Sibelius Academy 2008
E. Penhorwood: Miss Tittmouse / Too Many Sopranos, Metropolia AMK, Helsinki 2008
E. Humperdinck: Gretel / Hänsel und Gretel, Metropolia AMK, Helsinki 2007
W. A. Mozart: Papagena / Die Zauberflöte, Into-Opera, Helsinki 2007
W. A. Mozart: Pamina / Die Zauberflöte, Steiner School, Espoo 2006
G. F. Händel: Bellante / Almira, Metropolia AMK, Helsinki 2006

Major performances

L. van Beethoven: Primo amore & Ah, perfido, Turku Philharmonic Orchestra 9/2017
Zemlinsky: Lyric Symphony Soloist, Comic Opera Helsinki, 2016
L. van Beethoven: Missa Solemnis, Alzenaus and Mildeberg, 2016
G. Verdi: Requiem, Eurajoki Bel Canto, 2016
J. Sibelius: Luonnotar, Hardstad City Orchestra, 2015
J. Sibelius: Kullervo, Bern symphony orchestra, 2015
M. Haydn: Requiem, Lappeenranta Symphony Orchestra, 2014
L. van Beethoven: 9th Symphony, Helsinki City Orchestra, 2013
W. A. Mozart: Requiem, Lappeenranta Symphony Orchestra, 2013

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