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Liping Zhang

is one of opera's leading international sopranos, with engagements at the Royal Opera Covent Garden, the Metropolitan Opera New York, the Opera de Paris, the Gran Teatre del Liceu Barcelona, the Bayerische Staatsoper and the Deutsche Oper Berlin. Most recently, she has recorded her second solo disc for DECCA Records: a collection of Verdi arias.

Liping Zhang came to international attention in the role of Cio-Cio-San, which she has sung at Covent Garden, the Opera de Paris, the Metropolitan Opera, the Gran Teatro del Liceu Barcelona and at the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, amongst other theatres. Many international critics believe her to be the greatest living interpreter of the role.

Ms Zhang's European engagements include Lucia di Lammermoor at the Deutsche Opera Berlin, Mimi and Gilda at Den Norske Opera and Gilda at the Teatro Regio di Parma.

In Asia, Liping Zhang has sung Mimi in Hong Kong and Violetta at the Shanghai International Festival and Tosca, Leonore (Il Trovatore) and Violetta at the Grand National Theatre in Beijing, whilst in North America she has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Michigan Opera Theater, Los Angeles Opera and Vancouver Opera in roles such as Mimi, Cio-Cio-San and Liu.

Liping Zhang made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in 2005, as Cio-Cio-San, returning in 2007 as Liu and 2011 as Cio-Cio-San.

Liping Zhang's debut solo disc was released by EMI Classics on 6 October 2009 in the UK, and on 11 November in the United States. The recording features arias by Verdi, Puccini, Bellini, and Donizetti.

In November 2014, a CD of Schubert Lieder was released on the DECCA label. In November 2017, she made her debut for Deutsche Grammophon with recital of Verdi arias.



Lucia di Lammermoor, Covent Garden

Above all, Liping Zhang gave us a heroine of exceptional eloquence and intensity, no drooping lily but a vital, suffering, deeply touching creature whose élans and agonies raised the work momentarily to a higher plane. Her Lucia...should not be missed

David Cairns, The Times

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