

## CELINE BYRNE

### SOPRANO

**Celine Byrne** from Kildare, Ireland is making her mark on both the operatic and concert stages throughout the world. Her appearances at major concert houses both in Ireland and abroad, including Carnegie Hall, the National Concert Hall, Dublin, the Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Tchaikovsky Hall, Moscow, National Centre for the Performing Arts, Beijing and Berliner Philharmonie have been greeted with enthusiastic acclaim by her audiences. “*She has presence, a powerful and flexible voice, and the intelligence to understand how music and words work together.*” - The Irish Times.

Celine currently receives coaching with Christa Ludwig at the Vienna Staatsoper. She has a Masters in Music from the Royal Irish Academy of Music where she studied with Dr. Veronica Dunne also receiving the RIAM award for outstanding achievement. Celine also has an honours Music Degree from the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama where she studied with Edith Forrest, Trudi Carberry and Deborah Kelleher, and was awarded the college Gold Medal for excellence. Celine has received part-time coaching at the National Opera Studio of London and was a participant in the inaugural artistic development programme with Wexford Opera.

Celine has received many awards both on a national and international platform. In Dublin, 2009, she was presented with the **Margaret Burke-Sheridan Gold Medal** for her contribution to the Arts. She was awarded First Prize at the **Maria Callas Grand Prix**, Athens 2007, the **William Young Prize** at the **Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition**, Dublin 2007, and the ‘Brabants Dagblad Press Prize’ at the **IVC International Singing Competition** in s’Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands 2006. Celine is also winner of 10 prizes at the Feis Ceoil, Dublin, the Bill Canning Bursary, Waterford 2003, and the John McCormack Bursary, Dublin 2003.

Celine has become familiar to international audiences thanks to her collaboration with world-renowned tenors José Carreras and Roberto Alagna. Together with Carreras, Celine has graced stages in Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Linköping, Ljubljana, Malmö, Munich, Nürnberg, Rotterdam, Stuttgart, Tecklenburg, Zadar and Zagreb. Her musical partnership with Roberto Alagna has seen her in concert in Russia's two major artistic centers; Tchaikovsky Hall, Moscow and at the famous Mikhailovsky (Mussorgsky) Theater, St Petersburg. Celine has also performed with many of the most prestigious names in classical music including Evelyn Glennie and Steven Doane. She has also sung for Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Celine has been invited to sing at several classical music festivals around the world including the Central European Festival Žilina, Slovakia, The Anna Livia Opera Festival, Wexford Fringe Festival and Musical Olympus Festival at St.

Celine's repertoire includes Oratorio, Opera, Operetta and Lieder. Works performed include Messiah (Handel), Requiem (Fauré), Mass in C (Mozart), Requiem Mass (Mozart), St. Paul (Mendelssohn), Elijah (Mendelssohn), Rückert Lieder (Mahler), Drei Lieder (Korngold) and Four Last Songs (Strauss). Her roles include Countess Almaviva *Le Nozze Di Figaro*, Fiordiligi *Così Fan Tutte*, Donna Elvira *Don Giovanni*, Donna Anna *Don Giovanni*, Nora *Riders To The Sea*, Nedda *I Pagliacci*, Liù *Turandot*, Lauretta *Gianni Schicchi*, Wally *La Wally*, Rosalinde *Die Fledermaus*, Micaëla *Carmen*, Hanna Glawari *The Merry Widow*, Marguerite *Faust*, Rusalka *Rusalka*, Juliette *Roméo et Juliette*, Agathe *Der Freischütz* and Ann Chute *Lily of Killarney*. Most recently Celine performed the role of Mimi in the Scottish Opera production of *La Bohème*, for which she was described as "*a soprano of fine lyrical quality and a touching actor too.*" - Opera magazine

In October 2010 Celine released her début CD 'For Eternity' which was conducted by Marco Zambelli and produced by RTÉ lyric fm. Future engagements in 2011 include a concert with Joseph Calleja in Turkey, a concert with Andrea Bocelli in Croatia and European dates with José Carreras throughout the year.

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