

## LAURA CATRANI

### Soprano

*Laura Catrani's introduction to opera came when, aged five, she met Renata Tebaldi who was in the audience for a concert. Tebaldi was wearing a beautiful green dress: this captivated the childish imagination, which began to wonder what it would be like to be an opera singer. At that it was a fantasy, with no idea of opera's realities, living instead in its own dreams, but listening to Tebaldi's voice and coming into contact with opera led to being entranced equally the art form's musical and theatrical aspects, its physicality and movement – how the body sings, dances, breathes and recites. Developing a career that embraces the music of our own time felt completely natural: uniting different extremes of abilities and manifesting them as a kaleidoscope of lights, shapes and colours.*

Considered by the critics to be a singer setting the highest standard of vocal and dramatic interpretation in twentieth century and contemporary music, equally skilled as a singer and actress, Laura Catrani has studied voice from a young age. She graduated with full marks in singing and vocal music from Milan's Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory, and in acting at the Paolo Grassi School of Dramatic Arts.

She has performed numerous performances of modern and contemporary composers, and world premières including *Il dissoluto assolto* by Azio Corghi (Teatro La Scala Milan), *Leggenda* and *Il suono giallo* by Alessandro Solbiati (Teatro Regio, Torino and Teatro Comunale, Bologna), *The metamorphosis* by Silvia Colasanti (Maggio Musicale Fiorentino), and *Il gridario* and *Forést* by Matteo Franceschini (Biennale di Venezia and Teatro Comunale, Bolzano).

Alongside twentieth century repertoire, Laura Catrani has also sung traditional opera roles, especially in Mozart, eighteenth-century and Baroque works.

Invited to Conservatori e Istituzioni Musicali, she regularly holds master classes on contemporary singing techniques, especially in compositions for solo voice.

She has recorded for Naxos and Stradivarius labels music by Saverio Mercadante, Alessandro Solbiati, Stefano Bulfon, Daniele Ghisi, Niccolò Castiglioni and Delilah Gutman.

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