

## Johane Ansell

possesses a lyric soprano of body and clarity, indicating great maturity of phrasing and musicality. Born to a French-Canadian mother and an Irish father, Ms Ansell carries dual Canadian-Irish citizenship.

Ms Ansell was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and trained at the Universities of Saskatchewan and Toronto and at the Opera Studio of De Nederlandse Opera in Amsterdam.

Before moving to Amsterdam, Ms Ansell sang a range of baroque and ottocento repertoire with small companies and ensembles within Canada and recorded for the Naxos label.

Her repertoire currently includes: Laretta, Liu, Manon, Micaela, Mimi and Musetta.

For the Nationale Reisopera, she has sung a series of opera galas, as well as toured as the soprano soloist in Handel *Messiah*. Most recently, she appeared with the company as the soprano soloist in *Les Nuits d'été*, a performance that resulted in her being nominated for a Place de l'Opera magazine's Schaunard Award.

Further engagements include Giulietta (*Les Contes d'Hoffmann*) with Opera Project; the Turnspit (*Rusalka*) for Lyric Opera Dublin, First Lady for Opera Saskatoon, Marzeline (*Fidelio*) for Dorset Opera, Barbarina for Opera Lyra, and the title role in Balfe's *Sleeping Queen* and Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* for the Wexford Festival.

For Opera Holland Park, she has sung: the Lover (*Il Tabarro*) and Suor Genovieffa (*Suor Angelica*); as well as Geisha (*Iris*); and returns to the company next season as Floriana (*Zaza*).

Johane Ansell's recordings include the world premiere of Paul Spicer's *Unfinished Remembering* with the Birmingham Bach Choir and a compilation of Purcell's theatre music for Naxos with the Aradia Ensemble under the baton of Kevin Mallon.



Fidelio/Dorset Opera

*Marzeline*  
*(Johane Ansell)*  
*and Jaquino*  
*(Tyler Clarke)*  
*were both excellent.*

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