

Llio Evans

SOPRANO



Welsh soprano, Llio Evans, gained a first-class honours degree at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before going on to study with Dennis O'Neill at the Wales International Academy of Voice. A winner of numerous awards including Osborne Roberts Memorial Prize, Dame Anne Evans Award, and the Russell Sheppard Intercollegiate Award, Llio is a British Youth Opera and Welsh National Youth Opera alumna and a former Alvarez Young Artist at Garsington Opera where she was a recipient of the Leonard Ingrams Award.

Delayed due to COVID-19, Llio returns to Longborough Festival Opera as **Melanto** *Il ritorno d'Ulisse in patria* in summer 2021.

Highlights in recent season include **Celia** *Iolanthe* for English National Opera; **Iris Semele** for Garsington Opera; **Zerlina** *Don Giovanni* or Longborough Festival Opera; **The Little One** in the UK premiere of *The Golden Dragon* (Peter Eötvös) for Music Theatre Wales; and the soprano role in *Waxwings* for English Touring Opera. She also sang the soprano solo in Janáček *The Danube* with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

Operatic roles include **Clorinda** *La Cenerentola* (HighTime Opera); **Blonde** *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* (Pop-Up Opera); **Yum-Yum** *The Mikado*, **Gretel** *Hansel and Gretel* (Co-Opera Co.); and **Susanna** *The Marriage of Figaro* and **Pamina** *The Magic Flute* (Opera'r Ddraig). Roles understudied include **Despina** *Così fan tutte* and **Mimi** *Vert-Vert* (Garsington Opera); and **Ilia** *Idomeneo* (English Touring Opera).

A regular on the concert platform, highlights include Mendelssohn *Elijah* (St John's Smith Square, Three Choirs Festival with Philharmonia Orchestra), Bach *Schweigst stille, plaudert nicht* (Ensemble Cymru) and Arwel Hughes' *Gweddi* with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes for BBC Radio 3. Llio is also an accomplished recitalist having performed recitals for Garsington Opera, Cardiff Music Festival, Swansea Music Festival, Llandeilo Music Festival and Ensemble Cymru. Llio can be heard singing the role of **Barbe** on the Chandos recording of Arthur Sullivan's, *The Beauty Stone*, with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

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