

## Ludmilla Bouakkaz



### SOPRANO & SINGER-ACTRESS

"Ludmilla Bouakkaz brings remarkable freshness and stage presence to the role of Fantasia." *OPERA MAGAZINE*

"A complete artist, brilliantly blending the demands of opera with the energy of musical theatre." *CLASSIQUENEWS*

Bouakkaz 's radiant Fantasia , which showcased both her musicality and agility across her entire range, not to mention her dramatic instinct and delightfully subtle tone..." *CLASSIQUENEWS*

Ludmilla Bouakkaz initially trained in the Performing Arts Cycle 3 of the Opéra-Comique 's Popular Choir School before joining the specialized Lyric Singing Cycle at the Paris Regional Conservatory (CRR). She continued her studies at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels, earning a Bachelor's degree in Lyric Singing. She then joined the prestigious Favart Academy of the Opéra-Comique and participated in the ARCAL Young Lyric Stage Performer Program. Alongside her musical career, she holds a Master's degree in Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Civilizations (LLCE) from Paris IV Sorbonne University and studied at the University College London (UCL) as part of an ERASMUS exchange. Recipient of the Denise and Malvina Menda Scholarship , she also conducts activities and is artistic coordinator for the Gypsy production of the Maîtrise Populaire de l' Opéra-Comique on tour in France.

### On Stage: Opera & Musical Comedy

Ludmilla Bouakkaz regularly collaborates with the Opéra-Comique , where she sings the role of Fantasia in Offenbach's *Le Voyage dans la lune* (a performance filmed for television and revived at the Athens Opera, directed by Laurent Pelly ). She also performs the roles of Amarante and Hersilie in Lecocq's *La Fille de Madame Angot* under the direction of Hervé Niquet and in a production by Richard Brunel, the role of the Witch in Humperdinck 's *Hansel and Gretel* , and is the understudy for the role of Love in *L'Autre Voyage* (after Schubert) under the direction of Raphaël Pichon.

She participated in the production of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* (Chorus) conducted by David Stern and directed by Héroïse Sérazin .

In the repertoire of musical comedy and film concerts, she joined the entire production of *Les Misérables* by Boublil and Schönberg at the Théâtre du Châtelet and on national tour (directed by Ladislav Chollat , conducted by Alexandra Cravero ). She sang with the vocal ensemble of the film concert *Attack on Titan* on tour in France, Germany and Belgium, and performed in *The Umbrellas of the Young Girls* (a tribute to Michel Legrand) at the Agora in Agen and the Casino Barrière in Toulouse.

### Professional collaborations

Ludmilla Bouakkaz has worked, among others, under the musical direction of Alexandra Cravero , Hervé Niquet, Raphaël Pichon, David Stern... and with directors Richard Brunel, Ladislav Chollat , Sylvia Costa, Laurent Pelly , Héroïse Sérazin ...

She has been a soloist in the Requiems of Fauré, Mozart, Brahms' *Deutsche Requiem*, Pergolesi and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, and the latter's *Petite Messe Solennelle*.

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### Repertoire

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#### Lyric works

- **Bizet** : The Pearl Fishers / Carmen — Leila, Frasquita
- **Delibes** : Lakmé — Lakmé
- **Donizetti** : Rita / The Daughter of the Regiment — Rita, Marie
- **Humperdinck** Hansel and Gretel — The Witch
- **Lecocq** : **Madame** Angot 's Daughter — Amarante, Hersilie , Clairette
- **Offenbach** : A Trip to the Moon / Miscellaneous — Fantasia, Eurydice, Olympia, Laurette
- **Puccini** : La Bohème — Mimi
- **Ravel** : The Child and the Spells — Fire, The Nightingale
- **Verdi** : Rigoletto — Gilda

#### Musical Comedies

- **Boublil & Schönberg** : Les Misérables — Cosette, Éponine , Fantine
- **Gershwin / Miscellaneous** : Starmania — Marie-Jeanne, Stella Spotlight
- **Loewe** : My Fair Lady — Eliza
- **Sondheim** : Into the Woods — Cinderella, Cinderella's mother
- **Styne** Gypsy ( Artistic Coordination)
- **St those** Spring Awakening — Marta, Wendla
- **Yeston** Nine — Carla
- **Bernstein** : West Side Story — Maria
- **Strouse** Annie — Miss Hannigan
- **Shaiman** Hairspray — Tracy
- **Menken** Sister Act — Deloris