



FRÉDÉRIQUE FRIESS

SOPRANO

French soprano Frédérique Friess has remarkably moved from light-lyric roles in which she was nominated best young singer of 2001 by Opernwelt magazine, to lirico spinto and jugendliche dramatische soprano parts.

Thanks to her impeccable technique, blazing high notes and long tessitura, Frédérique has now made a name for herself in the most demanding soprano roles : Abigaille / **Nabucco** (Košice, Budweis), Leonore / **Fidelio** and Ada / **Die Feen** (Košice), Elvira / **Ernani** and the title role of **Genoveva** (Ostrava), Desdemona / **Otello** (Prague, Passau). Other roles include Contessa / **Nozze di Figaro** (Prague, Passau), Mimí / **Bohème** (Ostrava)...

Recent performances include Tatyana / **Eugen Onegin**, Valentine / **Les Huguenots**, Gerhilde / **Walküre**, Erste Dame / **Zauberflöte** in Mannheim. Upcoming : **Traviata** in Switzerland.

She first sang Zerlina / **Don Giovanni**, Pamina / **Die Zauberflöte**, Sonja / Lehár's **Zarewitsch**, Servilia / **Clemenza di Tito**, Despina / **Così fan tutte**, Sophie / **Der Rosenkavalier**, Maria / Lortzing's **Zar und Zimmermann**... in Hamburg, Mannheim, Paris, Rennes, Roma, Palermo, Venice or Zagreb... From 2006, Frédérique Friess has closely collaborated with the SWR, with whom she has made recordings of works by Dmitry Shostakovich, Arnold Schönberg and Gustav Mahler. Highlights include performances in Hamburg with Christoph Schöner, with the MDR Sinfonieorchester conducted by Howard Arman, at the Europäische Wochen festival in Passau or at the Smetana Hall with the Prague Symphony Orchestra (Ravel's **Shéhérazade**).

Frédérique holds a degree in German literature and philology, graduated from the Strasbourg National Conservatory and the Musikhochschule of Stuttgart. She is a laureate of numerous competitions including the "New Voices" Gaetano Fraschini . competition in Pavia, and the Hugo Wolf Wettbewerb.

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