

Erica Back

Mezzo-soprano

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ENGAGEMENTS

Freelance musician	11/2023 -
Oldenburgisches Staatstheater, GER (ensemble member)	2020 - 11/2023
Oldenburgisches Staatstheater, GER (opera studio)	2019 - 2020
Finnish National Opera, Helsinki (guest contracts)	2016 - 2019
Savonlinna Opera Festival, FIN (guest contract)	2018
Tampere Opera, FIN (guest contract)	2018
Vasa Baroque Festival, FIN (guest contract)	2017
Confidence Rococo Theatre, Stockholm (guest contracts)	2015 - 2016

REPERTOIRE

Katrina	J. Mattsson: Katrina	Kulturföreningen Katrina, Åland (FIN)	07/24
Alcina	F. Caccini: The Isle of Alcina	Finnish National Opera/Almi hall	02/24
Stewardess	J. Dove Flight	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	09/23
Octavian	R. Strauss Der Rosenkavalier	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	03/23

Wellgunde	Wagner:	Götterdämmerung	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	07/22
Lola	Mascagni:	Cavalleria Rusticana	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	03/22
Kuchtlík	Dvorak:	Rusalka	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	02/22
Hänsel	Humperdinck:	Hänsel und Gretel	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	12/21&22
Concepción	Ravel:	L'heure espagnol (<i>in German</i>)	Ol. Staatstheater	21/22
La Ciesca	Puccini:	Gianni Schicchi	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	12/21
3. Elfe	Dvorak:	Rusalka	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	02/20
Cupid:	J. Blow:	Venus and Adonis	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	19/20
2nd Woman	Purcell:	Dido and Aeneas	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	19/20
Annio	Mozart:	La clemenza di Tito	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	19/20
Cupido	Offenbach:	Orpheus in der Unterwelt	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	2019
Jade Boucher	J. Heggie:	Dead Man Walking	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	2019
Alisa	Donizetti:	Lucia di Lammermoor	Oldenburgisches Staatstheater	2019
Siebel	Gounod:	Faust	Savonlinna operafestival, FIN	2018
Dorabella	Mozart:	Così fan tutte	Finnish National Opera, FIN	2018
Ruggiero	Händel:	Alcina	Vasa Baroque, Vasa, FIN	2017
Prinz Orlofsky	J. Strauss:	Die Fledermaus	Finnish National Opera, FIN	2016/2017
Cherubino	Mozart:	Le nozze di Figaro	Finnish National Opera, Helsinki, FIN	2017
2. Dame	Mozart:	Die Zauberflöte (<i>in Finnish</i>)	Finnish National Opera, FIN	16/17
Zerlina	Mozart:	Don Giovanni	Alexander's Theatre Helsinki, FIN	2016
Dorabella	Mozart:	Così fan tutte	Confidencen, Stockholm, SWE	15&16
L'enfant	Ravel:	L'enfant et les Sortilèges	Sibelius Academy Opera, FIN	2015
Marchesa Melibea	Rossini:	Il viaggio a Reims	Sibelius Academy Opera, FIN	2015

Contemporary world premiered operas:

Serafina Suomi	O. Kortekangas:	<i>Veljeni vartija (My Brother's Keeper)</i>	
		Tampere Opera, FIN	2018
Frida Kahlo	K. Aho:	<i>Frida y Diego</i>	
		Sibelius Academy Opera, Helsinki, FIN	2014
Elisa	J. Sandström:	<i>Elisa och fantasin (Elisa's Fantasy)</i>	
		Estrad Norr, Östersund, SWE	11&12

CONCERT REPERTOIRE (in selection)

Pergolesi: Stabat Mater	Keski-Pohjanmaa Chamber Orchestra (T. Lehtipuu), FIN	2021
Berlioz: Les nuits d'été	Lapland Chamber Orchestra (T. Djupsjöbacka), FIN	2019
Berg: Sieben frühe lieder	Turku Philharmonics (T. Djupsjöbacka), FIN	2019
Beethoven: C - Dur Messe	Tampere Filharmonia (Vasili Sinaiski), FIN	2019
Bach: Matthäus-Passion	Jyväskylä Sinfonietta (Ainars Rubikis), FIN	2018
Respighi: Il Tramonto	Vaasa City Orchestra (James Lowe), FIN	2017
Bach: Weihnachtsoratorium	Helsinki Baroque Orchestra (A. Häkkinen) FIN	2016

Further pieces performed with orchestra in 2012-2016 (in selection)

Bach: St John's Passion

Bach: b minor mass

J. Gilles: Requiem

Händel: Dixit Dominus
 Mahler: Des Knaben Wunderhorn (songs in selection)
 Mozart: Requiem
 Respighi: Lauda per la Natività del Signore
 Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Private lessons	Prof. Christiane Iven, München	2016 -
Master of Music	Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, FIN Prof. Monica Groop	2013-2016
Bachelor of Music	University of Music in Piteå, SWE	2009-2013
Pre-college	Framnäs Folk College, Piteå, SWE	2007-2009
Conservatory	Mellersta Österbottens Konservatorium, FIN	2006-2007

MASTER COURSES

Christiane Iven (<i>Salzburg</i>)	2016
Dame Emma Kirkby (<i>Helsinki</i>)	2016
St Goar International Music Academy - Francisco Araiza, Julia Hamari (<i>St Goar, Germany</i>)	2014
Mikko Franck & Rilla Kyykkä (<i>Kangasniemi, Finland</i>)	2014
Helena Döse, Rudolf Piernay, Ulrich Staerk (<i>Göteborg, Sweden</i>)	2013
Peter Mattei, (<i>Piteå, Sweden</i>)	2012
Monica Groop (<i>Piteå, Sweden</i>)	2010

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

Recipient	Artist working grant, Svenska Kulturfonden, FIN	2024-2026
Recipient	Grant from Stina Krook's foundation for artists	2020
Recipient	Grant and concert prize at Mozarteum Summer Academy, Salzburg	2017
Recipient	Caj Ehrstedt's singing award, FIN	201
2nd Prize (divided)	Lappeenranta Singing Competition, FIN	2016
2nd Prize,	III International Sibelius Singing Competition, FIN	2015
1 st Prize (divided)	Kangasniemi Singing Competition, FIN	2014

LANGUAGES

Swedish, mother tongue
 Finnish, fluent
 English, fluent
 German, fluent
 Norwegian, basics
 French, basics

RECOMMENDATIONS

On request.