

# Lilian Farahani,

## soprano

Dutch-Iranian soprano Lilian Farahani graduated cum laude with distinction from the Royal Conservatory in The Hague and the Dutch National Opera Academy in Amsterdam.

In summer 2021, she is singing the role of The Bride in the opera 'Innocence', a new creation by Kaija Saariaho, at the Festival d'Aix en Provence. In the 2021/2022 season, she sings Zerlina ('Don Giovanni') at Dutch National Opera, Elvira ('L'italiana in Algeri') at NTR ZaterdagMatinee and in Aalto-Musiktheater Essen the roles of Lauretta ('Gianni Schicchi') and Zdenka ('Arabella').

In recent years, Lilian has sung on the major Dutch stages with companies such as Dutch National Opera, Opera Zuid and Dutch Touring Opera, but also in the opera houses of Nancy, Bern, Essen, the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence and the International Maifestspiele Wiesbaden. Her repertoire includes Mozart roles such as Pamina ('Zauberflöte'), Despina ('Così fan tutte'), Zerlina ('Don Giovanni') and Susanna ('Le nozze di Figaro'). But also Gretel ('Hänsel und Gretel'), Carolina ('Il matrimonio segreto'), Musetta ('La bohème') and Frasquita ('Carmen').

Lilian worked with stage directors such as Simon McBurney, Lotte de Beer, Monique Wagemakers, Laurent Pelly, Simon Stone and Theu Boermans, with conductors such as Raphaël Pichon, Antony Hermus, Ed Spanjaard, Patrick Fournillier, Kenneth Montgomery, Antonello Manacorda, Sacha Goetzel and Susanna Mälkki, with orchestras like The Hague Philharmonic, the Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century, Ensemble Pygmalion, London Symphony Orchestra, the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, The Netherlands Wind Ensemble, Essener Philharmoniker, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra and members of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra.

Besides opera, operette and the classical repertoire of Lieder, Lilian feels at home singing contemporary works. Besides Saariaho's 'Innocence', she sang leading roles in 'Anne and Zef' by Monique Krüs, 'Death Knocks' (Christian Jost) and 'The infernal comedy' by Michael Sturminger with the Dutch National Theater. In the spring of 2019, her debut CD 'Woman - the making of...' with works of Jake Heggie, was released, along with pianist Maurice Lammerts van Bueren.

**Since March 2017, Lilian is represented by IMG Artists, Paris.**