

# LEANDRA RAMM MEZZO-SOPRANO

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Leandra Ramm is a remarkably versatile mezzo-soprano and actress with an "extraordinary voice" (*Anderson Cooper*), whose "beautiful and quite moving" (*Nordstjernan Newspaper*) performances have graced prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The United Nations, and Symphony Space. Leandra debuted in *The Endless Road* by Kurt Weill (soloist) with The American Symphony Orchestra performed in New York City at Avery Fisher Hall. Ms. Ramm recently performed the title role for San Francisco Opera Guild's tour of *La Cenerentola*, and was an alto soloist with the San Francisco Symphony in *Chichester Psalms* conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas and Bach's *Magnificat* conducted by Ragnar Bohlin. Upcoming opera engagements include solo quartet in *Little Women* with Island City Opera, Meg Page in *Falstaff* with West Bay Opera, Serafina/Spirit Woman in *La Llorona* with Opera Cultura to name just a few.

Some of Ms. Ramm's favorite experiences include performances as Mama *(Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena)* with the San Francisco Opera Guild, Soul *(Ordo Virtutum)* with San Francisco Renaissance Voices, Rooster/Blue Jay *(The Cunning Little Vixen)* with West Edge Opera, Cherubino *(Le Nozze di Figaro)* with Opera San Jose, Leila *(Iolanthe)* at The Buxton Opera House (UK), and Dorabella *(Così fan Tutte)* with the Martina Arroyo Foundation.

She is also seasoned in the musical theater genre having recently starred as Judy Garland in *The Boy from Oz* at Theatre Rhinoceros and performed the roles of Tanya in *Mamma Mia!* at Woodminster Summer Musicals and Antonia in *Man of la Mancha* with the Diablo Theater Company. Ms. Ramm has also flourished in the creation of new works portraying Annie in *Hell's Kitchen the Musical* at the Hudson Guild Theater and Judith in the World Premiere of *Sacagawea* with the Willows Theatre Company. *One Night With You*, her one-woman show, ran Off-Broadway at Theatre Row, to rave reviews!

Ms. Ramm trained at the Manhattan School of Music, and completed apprenticeships and outreach tours with Arizona Opera, Toledo Opera, Opera Carolina, Des Moines Metro Opera, Sarasota Opera and New Jersey Opera. Discography, lead vocalist with Celebrity Cruises, commercials, and print... the scope of her versatility and passion for the industry is endless.



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# **OPERATIC ROLES**

Serafina/Spirit Woman* Meg Page*	La Llorona Falstaff	Opera Cultura West Bay Opera	2019 2019
Solo Quartet*	Little Women (Adamo)	Island City Opera	2019
Cenerentola	La Cenerentola	San Francisco Opera Guild	2017
Mama	Luncinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena	San Francisco Opera Guild	2017/2018
Soul	Ordo Virtutum	San Francisco Renaissance Voices	2017
Rooster/Blue Jay	The Cunning Little Vixen	West Edge Opera	2016
Prisoner	Vireo	KCET: A made for TV Opera by Lisa Bielawa	2016
Cherubino (cover)	Le Nozze di Figaro	Opera San Jose	2015
Dolores/Zelda(Investor)	Big Jim and the Smalltime Investors	Center for Contemporary Opera	2014
Donna Curson (cover)	Figaro 90210	Morningside Opera (NYC)	2013
Craig	Beardsmanship	Hunter College Chamber Orchestra	2012
Ensemble	Sāvitri (Holst)	Little Opera Theatre of New York	2012
Hänsel	Hänsel und Gretel	Center City Opera Theater, Kimmel Cente	er 2008
Leila	Iolanthe	International G&S Festival, Buxton Opera House, UK 2008	2008
Dorabella	Cosi fan Tutte	Martina Arroyo Foundation, Prelude to Performance	2008
Meg	Little Women	Center City Opera Theater, Kimmel Center	2008

## CONCERT AND ORATORIO

Alto soloist*	Miriam's Song of Triumph (Schubert) /Drei Geistliche Lieder (Mendelssohn)	San Francisco City Chorus	2019
Alto Soloist Alto Soloist	Bach's Magnificat Ayers' Messyah/ Bach 80 Cantata	San Francisco Symphony Chorus Concert UC Alumni Chorus at Hertz Hall (Cal Performances)	2018 2017
Alto Soloist	Bach's Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild	St. Mark's Lutheran Church, SF	2017
Alto Soloist AGMA Regular Chorus	Chichester Psalms San Francisco Symphony Chorus	San Francisco Symphony Davies Symphony Hall	2017 2014-present
Chorus/Soloist	Cappella SF, American Bach Soloists	Various Bay Area Venues	2014-present
Soloist Alto soloist	Songs of Robert DeGaetano Haydn's Harmoniemesse	Steinway Hall Toledo Symphony Orchestra	2007 2005

#### DISCOGRAPHY

Timeless	Cappella SF	Delos Records	2018
The Fourth Messenger	Cast Album		2017
Mario and the Magician	Center for Contemporary Opera	Albany Records	2005

## THEATER

The Boy from Oz	Judy Garland	THEATRE RHINOCEROS
Mamma Mia!	Tanya	Dir: John Fisher WOODMINSTER SUMMER MUSICALS Dir: Joel Schlader
Darwin in Malibu	Sarah	INDRA'S NET THEATER Dir: Bruce Coughran
<i>Some People Hear Thunder (Smoger Productions)</i>	Anoush	FORT MASON CENTER Dir: Kevin McGuire
Kismet in Concert	Ensemble	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET MOON Dir: Daren Carollo
Celebrity Cruises (four contracts: Silhouette, Solstice, Equinox)	Lead Vocalist	POET THEATRICALS Dir. Michele Morrison
The Full Monty	Estelle/Pam U.S.	MEDIA THEATRE Dir. Jesse Cline
A For Adultery	Hester Prynne	LITTLE TIMES SQUARE THEATER Dir. Marlene Thorn Taber
Man of la Mancha	Antonia	DIABLO THEATER COMPANY
Win Win Power Auction	Soloist	Dir. Dianna Shuster LA MAMA
One Night With You	Self (Theatre Row, NYC)	Dir. Uwe Mengel UNITED SOLO THEATER FESTIVAL
Hell's Kitchen The Musical	Annie	Dir. Andrew Lonsdale HUDSON GUILD THEATER
Saharava	ENSEMBLE and ALTO FLUTE	Dir. Joann Oakes NY INT'L FRINGE FESTIVAL
Sacagawea (World Premiere)	Judith/Featured Dancer	Dir. Fahad Siadat <b>WILLOWS THEATRE COMPANY</b> Dir: Vanessa Miller

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Manhattan School of M	usic, Vocal Performance, Bachelor of Music	2005
<b>Voice:</b> Susanne Mentzer <b>Coaches</b> : Ragnar Bohlin, Peter Grunberg, Noah Lindquist, Jonathan Khuner <b>Directors:</b> Lillian Groag, Mark Verzatt <b>Conductors</b> : Jeffrey Thomas, Michael Tilson Thomas, Andrew Whitfield		
MUSICAL THEATER:	CAP 21 MUSICAL THEATER SUMMER PROGRAM, BRAD ROSS, BOB CLINE MARISHKA WIERZBICKI OF LIZ CAPLAN STUDIOS	
DANCE:	JAZZ, MODERN, TAP, HIP-HOP, ARIEL WORK (STEPS, B'WAY DANCE)	
ACTING:	STUDIO A.C.T., TVI STUDIOS, ACTORS CONNECTION	

# YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH TOURS

Arizona Opera Outreach Tour	2008
Toledo Opera Resident Artist Program and Outreach tour	2007
St. Petersburg Opera Emerging Artist Program	2006
Opera Carolina Artist in Residence Program and Outreach tour	2006-2007
Des Moines Metro Opera Apprentice Artist Program	2006
Sarasota Opera Apprentice Artist Program	2006
New Jersey Opera Theater Young Artist Program and Summer Vocal Institute	2005

#### SPECIAL SKILLS

Dialects: British, Southern, French, Italian Instruments: Piano, Organ, Flute, Alto Flute

# **CRITICAL ACCLAIM**

The Boy from Oz, Theatre Rhinoceros at Gateway Theatre



"A chance meeting with Judy Garland (Leandra Ramm) belting "All I wanted was a Dream" was almost a show stopper." *-Kedar Adour, For All Events* 

"Powerful Leandra Ramm looks so much like Judy Garland and belts her songs with such authority that she gives us a chill." *-Barry David Horwitz, Theatrius.com*  "Leandra Ramm also delivered a surprisingly convincing Judy Garland impression." -Kate Tinney, The Daily Californian

"Leandra Ramm turns in a strong performance as Garland, managing to capture the legend's spirit without resorting to either mimicry or camp." *-Jim Gladstone, The Bay Area Reporter* 

"Leandra Ramm proves the attached mike is not at all needed as she lifts her Garland-like vibrato and sings with exceptionally deep resonance 'All I Wanted Was the Dream.' Her end-of-song, sustained crescendos do not disappoint Judy fans in the audience; and neither does her swagger or ruby red lips that pucker and protrude as she talks.

Ms. Ramm is the evening's star, as particularly seen when she vibrates in a warning voice edging on full anger, 'Don't Wish Too Hard'"

-Eddie Reynolds, Theatre Eddys

"Anyone attempting to produce The Boy From Oz can only move forward with a highly energetic triple threat (actor-singer-dancer) on board. I'm happy to report that Fisher lucked out with the casting of Justin Genna... along with Leandra Ramm as Judy Garland." -George Heymont, My Cultural Landscape

#### PETER, JUDY, AND LIZA ARE ALL WOWING THEATRE RHINO THIS FALL

"Judy Garland played by the enthusiastic Leandra Ramm... Ramm sings "All I Wanted Was the Dream"... Judy's contribution to "Quiet Please, There's a Lady on Stage," were show stopping...As Judy and Liza, Ramm and Walker go far beyond celebrity impersonation, creating solid characters and emphasizing their vulnerability as well as their show biz strength and brass. They are a believable mother-daughter team...Judy/Liza look perfect with no camp." -Vince Vmediaa, VMedia



# Mamma Mia, Woodminster Summer Musicals



#### Oakland hills are alive with the sound of ... ABBA

"Leandra Ramm and Krista Wigle considerably enliven the proceedings as Donna's old friends and former bandmates — vampy multiple-divorcee Tanya and laid-back, cheerful Rosie, respectively."

-Sam Hurwitt, Mercury News

#### The worldwide jukebox hit 'Mamma Mia' opens the 51st Season of Woodminster Summer Musicals

"...the wealthy and pampered three-time divorcé Tanya, played by the superb Leandra Ramm...Ramm and Wigle have some of the best lines in the show....the actresses rally and excel in the pumped up second act."

-Vince Vmediaa, www.vmediabackstage.com/





# The Cunning Little Vixen, West Edge Opera

"The voices were both distinctive and blended, producing a beautiful, full sound...most notably Leandra Ramm, whose clear soprano and exaggerated strut were perfect for the rooster." *www.bachtrack.com* 



"Leandra Ramm strutted with purpose as the hormonal rooster." *The Mercury News*  Man of La Mancha presented by Diablo Light Opera Company



"...the voices of the protagonists were delightful, especially that of...Leandra Ramm, who sang "I'm only thinking of him". *sftribune.com* 

\*the above quote is translated from Spanish

"...the music alone is reason to see the show. Such songs as... "I'm Only Thinking of Him" (well done by Leandra Ramm)... linger in the memory." – DLOC show has strong ensemble by Sally Hogarty, Contra Costa Times

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# Così fan Tutte, Martina Arroyo Foundation Prelude to Performance

"...The arias and recitatives were sung beautifully and the difficult ensembles were executed with considerable precision. The acting was also on a high, professional level. The singers included...Leandra Ramm (Dorabella)...Each of the artists received individual ovations for their arias and the ensembles were rewarded with much applause." -Prelude Caps Off Another Stellar Season by Raoul Abdul, New Amsterdam News



# Darwin in Malibu, Indra's Net Theater

"...Sarah, played by Leandra Ramm, who does bring a fine singing voice to the party."

-Victor Cordell, For All Events

# Darwin in Malibu Surfs Big Ideas, at Indra's Net Theater, Berkeley

"...Sarah (the vivacious, sardonic Leandra Ramn), a young, California beach girl" *-Bob Gardner, Theatrius.com* 



# **Opera Repertoire**

Adamo *Meg, \*Jo - Little Women* 

Barber *\*Erika - Vanessa* 

Bellini *Romeo - I Capuleti e I Montecchi* 

Bernstein *\*Dinah - Trouble in Tahiti* 

Bizet Mercedes, \*Carmen - Carmen

Britten Nancy - Albert Herring

Donizetti Smeton - Anna Bolena Alisa - Lucia di Lammermoor \*Sara - Roberto Devereux

Gluck Orfeo - Orfeo ed Euridice

Gilbert and Sullivan *Leila - Iolanthe* 

Gounod *Siebel - Faust Stephano - Roméo et Juliette* 

Händel \**Ruggerio - Alcina* \*Ariodante - Ariodante \*Serse - Serse

Humperdink *Hänsel - Hänsel und Gretel* 

Mascagni *Lola - Cavalleria Rusticana* 

# **Concert Repertoire**

Bach - *Magnificat* Beethoven - *9th Symphony* \*Duruflé - *Requiem* Händel - *Messiah* Haydn - *Harmoniemesse* Mendelssohn - *Drei Geistliche Lieder* Mozart Requiem Schubert - *Miriam's Song of Triumph* Vivaldi – *Gloria*  Massenet \*Cendrillon, \*Le Prince Charmant – Cendrillon \*Charlotte – Werther

Mozart Dorabella - Così fan Tutte Zweite Dame - Die Zauberflöte Zerlina - Don Giovanni Cherubino - Le Nozze di Figaro \*Idamante – Idomeneo \*Sesto - La Clemenza di Tito

Offenbach *\*Nicklausse - Les Contes d'Hoffmann* 

Puccini *Suzuki, Kate Pinkerton - Madama Butterfly* 

Purcell *Dido - Dido and Aeneas* 

Rossini *Rosina - II Barbiere di Siviglia Angelina, Tisbe - La Cenerentola \*Isabella - L'italiana in Algeri* 

J. Strauss Prinz Orlofsky - Die Fledermaus

R. Strauss \*Octavian - Der Rosenkavalier \*Komponist - Ariadne auf Naxos

Tchaikovsky *\*Olga - Eugene Onegin* 

Verdi Fenena – Nabucco Flora - La Traviata Meg Page - Falstaff Maddalena – Rigoletto



\*In Preparation

