



MARSHA THOMPSON

BIOGRAPHY

"Abigaille is a difficult role to cast; a big role with a wide dramatic and vocal range. Ms. Thompson was up to the challenges of the role. Her high pianissimo singing was exquisite." The First Prize Winner of the **Opera Orchestra of New York Vocal Competition**, was highly applauded by The New York Times for her "stellar performance of Violetta". Ms. Thompson has been seen in productions with **New York City Opera** as *Treemonisha*, Betty Shabazz in *The Life and Times of X*, and as Bess in *Porgy and Bess*, with co-productions with **Piedmont Opera** and **Opera Carolina**. Performances also include *La Traviata* with **Mississippi Opera**, **New York Grand Opera**, *Tosca* and *Mimi* in *La Boheme* with **Opera Festival di Roma**. In the 2021-2022 season, she debuts the role of *Suor Angelica* with **Piedmont Opera**. She made her European debut as *Aida* in Franco Zeffirelli's production in Milan's **Piccolo Teatro alla Scala** as a part of Italy's Verdi Centennial Celebrations in conjunction with **La Fondazione Teatro Regio di Parma**. Her featured repertoire includes *Tosca*, *Aida*, and *Abigaille* to name a few.

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OPERA EXPERIENCE

Piedmont Opera- SUOR ANGELICA
Teatro Municipal de São Paulo-AIDA
Trilogy an Opera Company- Sieglinde
Union Avenue Opera- Abigaille (Nabucco)
New York City Opera- Bess (Porgy and Bess)
New York City Opera- Betty Shabazz (Life and Times of X)
New York City Opera- Treemonisha
Opera Carolina- Bess (Porgy and Bess)
American Opera Projects- Harriet Tubman (World Premier)
Opera Theater of the Rockies- AIDA
Bohème Opera New Jersey- AIDA
Mississippi Opera-Violetta (La Traviata)
New Rome Opera Festival-TOSCA
Piccolo Teatro a La Scala (Fondazione di G. Verdi)- AIDA

ORCHESTRAS

Hawaii Symphony Orchestra
Texarkana Symphony Orchestra
Krasnoyarsk Philharmonic
Opera Orchestra of New York
North Carolina Symphony Orchestra
Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
San Antonio Symphony Orchestra
Shreveport Symphony Orchestra
Galveston Symphony Orchestra
Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra

FESTIVALS

Harare International Music Festival
Ravello Festival

EDUCATION

Music Academy of The West - Vocal Institute
University of Houston - Bachelor of Music; Voice and Violin Performance
American Institute of Musical Studies - Graz Austria

AWARDS

The Metropolitan Opera National Council (South West Region)
The Opera Orchestra of New York
The Gerda Lissner Foundation
The George London Foundation
Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation
Opera Index Society
Fort Worth Opera Competition
National Society of Arts and Letters

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