
Janinah Burnett, *Soprano* *Biography*

As one of opera's emerging leading sopranos, Janinah Burnett's timeless vocal quality and poignant portrayals in signature roles such as Pamina in ***The Magic Flute*** are "heart-rendingly touching" says *The Sunday Times* (London). The *Montreal Gazette* agrees exclaiming the singer "brought a storytelling quality as well as soprano pyrotechnics to Violetta...from Verdi's *La Traviata*." As Mimi in Baz Luhrman's adaptation of Puccini's ***La Boheme***, Ms. Burnett received tremendous acclaim winning the "Ovation Award" with a record 82 consecutive sold-out shows. Other noted roles include Violetta in ***La Traviata***, Bess in ***Porgy and Bess***, Micaëla in ***Carmen***, and Lauretta in ***Gianni Schicchi***.



Engagements for 2006-2007 Season and beyond include Violetta in ***La Traviata*** with Opera Columbus and Quad City Orchestra, Norina in ***Don Pasquale*** with Connecticut Opera, Zerlina in ***Don Giovanni*** with Opera Carolina, Bess in ***Porgy and Bess*** with Michigan Opera Theatre, and Donna Anna in ***Don Giovanni*** with Mercury Opera Theatre. Ms. Burnett was a member of the sister group to Three Mo' Tenors entitled ***Three Mo' Divas*** and recently toured to Austria, Sweden, and Japan with the New York Harlem Productions (NYHP) company performing the roles of Clara and Bess in ***Porgy and Bess***.

Recent performances include Mimi in ***La Boheme*** with Baltimore Opera and Manitoba Opera, Lauretta in ***Gianni Schicchi*** with Connecticut Opera, Montreal Opera's Annual Gala Concert, Micaela in ***Carmen*** with the Skylight Opera Theatre and Todi Music Festival, Pamina in ***The Magic Flute*** and Stephanie in ***A Song for Eddie*** at the Bard Festival, solo performances with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Violetta in ***La Traviata*** with DiCapo Opera Theatre. She also performed Violetta in Urbania and Fermignano, Italy under the baton of Benton Hess.

Additionally, Ms. Burnett has performed with the likes of Ray Charles, Dr. Billy Taylor, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and at Oprah Winfrey's personal birthday celebration at the home of Maya Angelou while attending Spelman College for her undergraduate education and Eastman school of music for her graduate.

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