

Georgian mezzo-soprano Mzia Nioradze studied at the Conservatory of Tiblisi before completing her studies at the Music Academy of Osimo in Italy. In 2001 Ms. Nioradze made her debut in the United States in the role of Konchakovna in a new production of Prince Igor with the Houston Grand Opera conducted by Alexander Anissimov (production: FrancescaZambello), followed by Eboli in Essen and St. Petersburg, and a debut at the San Francisco Opera as Paransema in Arshak II, which opened the 01-02 season. Ms. Nioradze made her Metropolitan Opera debut in War and Peace singing Elena, Matriosha and Mavra Kusminichna, as was also featured as Maddalena in Rigoletto, conducted by Placido Domingo.

Ms. Nioradze has been a guest artist at the St. Petersburg Mariinsky Theatre since 1996, where she made her debut in the title role of Carmen. At the Mariinsky Theatre she has performed all the leading Verdi roles as well as the leading mezzo and contralto roles of the Russian repertory. She went on tour with the Mariinsky Theatre to Israel; in 2000 she took part in the new production War and Peace conducted by Gary Bertini at Opera National de Paris Bastille.

In the 2015-16 season Ms. Nioradze returns to The Metropolitan Opera singing the role of Marta in Iolanta and Azucena in II trovatore. During the 2013-14 season, Ms. Nioradze she performed the role of Marina in Boris Godunov at the Tel Aviv Opera, Mistress Quickly in Falstaff at the Glyndebourne Festival, Azucena in II trovatore in the Malta Aurora Opera House and Timisoara Opera. In 2014 was a guest artist at the Lavian National Opera and Vilnius Opera where she performed the roles of Azucena in II trovatore and Ulrica in Un ballo in maschera. In the 2011-2012 season she returned to The Metropolitan Opera as Ulrica in Un ballo in maschera, Azucena in II trovatore at the Opera di Avignon and Amneris in Aida with the Oslo Opera.

In the 2010 season Ms. Nioradze recorded the role of Azucena with Marcelo Alvarez at the Teatro Regio di Parma and performed the role of Azucena in II trovatore with Opera de Massy in Paris. The 2008-2009 season brought Ms. Nioradze back to The Metropolitan Opera where she sang Ulrica in Un ballo in maschera, Azucena in II trovatore and Countess the Queen, Aida in Nice, Azucena in II trovatore at Opera de Lausanne, La Zia Principessa in Suor Angelica at Florida Grand Opera, Adalgisa in Norma at Opera de Massy. She returned to Lyon as Marina in Boris Godunov and sang Delilah in St. Petersburg conducted by Tugan Sokhiev. She was highly praised for her performances of Azucena in II Trovatore in Marseilles where she also sang Prokofiev's Cantata Alexander Nevsky.

In 2006-07 season Ms. Nioradze recorded the role of Azucena in II trovatore at the Orang Festival tenor Roberto Alagna, sang Azucena in II trovatore in Toulon Opera Theatre and Teatro Municipal de Santiago(Chile), Verdi's Requiem in Rio de Janeiro and Adalgisa in Norma at Opera de Vichy. In the 2004-2005 season Ms. Nioradze returned to The Metropolitan Opera as Marina Mnishek, Maddalena and Amneris. She sang Verdi s Requiem and Amneris in Tbilisi (Georgia). Ms. Nioradze had great success as Federica in Verdi's Luisa Miller at the Dallas Opera, Mistress Quickly in Falstaff in Mariinskii Opera with conductor by Valery Gergiev. She debuted in Italy singing Azucena in Bologna and Modena. Recording of her Verdi's Requiem conducted by Valery Gergiev in Amsterdam which was televised in Amsterdam Television. Ms. Nioradze sang Carmen in Carmen at the San Francisco Opera. She returned to Lyon as Marina in Boris Godunov and sang Dalila in St. Petersburg conducted by Valery Gergiev. She was highly praised for her performances of Azucena in Verdi's II trovatore in Marseilles.

Ms. Nioradze appearances during the 2000 - 2003 seasons took her to the Opera National de Paris Bastille where she performed the role of Hélène Bezukhova in War and Peace conducted by Gary Bertini,, Eboli in Essen and St. Petersburg, She was Jejibaba in Dvorake s Rusalka in Lyon Opera Conducted by Ivan Fisher, a new production of War and Peace conducted by Gary Bertini at Opera National de Paris Bastille and Orfeo in Orfeo ed Euridice conducted by Leonid Korchmar at the Mariinsky Theatre.

Ms. Nioradze was a finalist at the International Voice Competition Elena Obraztsova and Rimsky-Korsakov in St. Petersburg as well as at the International Belvedere Hans Gabor Competition in Vienna.

Upcoming engagements is Azucena in II trovatore with the Latvia National Opera and Riga Opera Festival and Marta in Iolanta at Firenze.

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### **OPERATIC REPERTOIRE**

**Bellini:** Adalgisa – Norma

**Berlioz:** Marguerite – La damnation de Faust Ascanio – Benvenuto Cellini

**Bizet:** Carmen – Carmen

**Borodin:** Konchakovna - Prince Igor

**Cilea:** Adriana Lecouvreur – Principessa di Bouillon

**Dvořák:** Ježibaba – Rusalka

**Gluck:** Orfeo – Orfeo ed Euridice

Mascagni: Santuzza – Cavalleria rusticana

**Mozart:** Dorabella – Cosi fan tutte

**Mussorgsky:** Marina – Boris Godunov Marfa – Khovanshchina

**Ponchielli:** Laura - La Gioconda

**Prokofiev:** Hélène Bezukhova - War and Peace Puccini: La Zia Principessa - Suor Angelica

**Rimsky-Korsakov:** Lyubasha - The Tsar's Bride

Saint-Saëns: Delilah - Samson and Delilah

Richard Strauss: Herodias - Salome

**Igor Stravinsky:** Jocasta - Oedipus rex

#### **Tchaikovsky:**

Liubov - Mazeppa Olga - Eugene Onegin Polina, Countess – The Queen of Spade

#### Verdi:

Fenena – Nabucco Preziosilla – La forza del destino Azucena - Il trovatore Amneris - Aida Eboli - Don Carlo Ulrica - Un ballo in maschera Mistress Quickly - Falstaff Duchess Federica - Luisa Miller

#### Wagner:

Fricka - Die Walküre Fricka - Das Rheingold Brangäne - Tristan und Isolde



### **ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE**

Mahler: 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony

Mozart:

Requiem

**Prokofiev:** Mezzo soprano soloist - Alexander Nevsky

Verdi: Requiem

### **OPERA HOUSES/THEATRES**

The Metropolitan Opera Mariinsky Theatre Teatro Comunale di Modena Teatro Comunale di Bologna Opera National de Paris Bastille Essen Opera House Opera de Toulon San Francisco Opera Houston Grand Opera Dallas Opera Florida Grand Opera Tel Aviv Opera Teatro Municipal de Santiago(Chile) Opera Marseilles Lyon Opera Opera de Massy Opera di Avignon Aurora Opera House(Malta) Teatro Regio di Parma Oslo Opera House Opera de Lausanne Timisoara Opera House





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