

South Korean soprano Gyu Yeon Shim is quickly becoming a rising star on the operatic stages with a charming presence.

She was the 1st place winner of the Metropolitan National Council Audition for the District of Connecticut in 2015 and won a 3rd place in the New England Regional Finals in 2016. Her notable achievements at various competitions include: a semi-finalist at the Premiere Opera Competition in 2019, a finalist at the Versimo Opera Competition in 2018, a winner of the Opera Susquehanna Voice Competition in 2018, 1st place at the American Protégé International Vocal Competition in 2017, 1st place as well as the Platinum Award at the Forte International Competition held at the Carnegie Hall in 2015, and 2nd place at Meistersinger-Gesangwettbewerb held in Graz, Austria in 2014.

Some of her highlights from recent seasons include: the title role of Shim-Chung in A. Inglese's *Shim-Chung*, which was the world premiere opera with the **International Opera Theater of Philadelphia** in Città della Pieve, Italy, the Sleep and Dew Fairy in E. Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* with the **New York Performing Arts**, and Celia Handel's *Silla* with the **Cambridge Chamber Ensemble**.

Her operatic engagements include Lakmé in Delibes' *Lakmé* with the **Opera Delaware**, Fiakermilli in R. Strauss' *Arabella* with the **Pittsburgh Festival Opera** (where she was as a resident artist), Adele in J. Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* as debut at the **Daegu Opera House** in South Korea, Königin der Nacht in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* and Dalinda in Handel's *Ariodante* with the **Chautauqua Music Festival**, Housewife named Minji, in Yoon-Ji Lee's *Sunday Supper* which was the world premier contemporary opera at the **National Sawdust**, La Fée in P. Viardot's *Cendrillon* with the **Stafford Opera Troupe** in Virginia and the **Cambridge Chamber Ensemble** in Boston, Morgana in Handel's *Alcina* and Poppea in Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* at the **National Opera Center** in New York, La Fée in Massenet's *Cendrillon* at the **Curtler Majestic hall** in Boston, Nella in Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* at the **New England Conservatory**, and Königin der Nacht in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* at the **Manhattan School of Music**.

On the concert stages, Ms. Shim has performed as a soloist in Gounod's *Gloria Messe Solennell* with the **New York Korean Church**, Mozart's *Exultate, jubilate* with the **Westchester Korean Choral Society**, Handel's *Messiah* with the **New York Cho Dae Church**, and Haydn's Creation with the **First Unitarian Church**.

Ms. Shim has a Master of Music degree in Voice Performance from Manhattan School of Music and a Bachelor of Arts in Voice Performance from Korea National University of Arts. She also holds a Graduate Diploma in Opera Performance from New England Conservatory, and currently works at Stafford Opera Troupe and Mozart Music Academy as a faculty member.



OPERATIC REPERTOIRE

Argento:

A woman with a hand mirror – *Postcard from Monaco*

Beethoven:

Marzelline - Fidelio

Bellini:

Amina – *La sonnambula* Elvira – *I Puritani* Giulietta – *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*

Bernstein:

Glitter and be gay - Candide

Bizet:

Micaëla, Frasquita - Carmen

Britten:

Tytania – *A midsummer night's dream* Governess – *The Turn of the Screw*

Delibes:

Lakmé - Lakmé

Donizetti:

Adina – L'elisir d'amore Norina – Don Pasquale Lucia – Lucia di Lammermoor Marie – La fille du Régiment Linda – Linda di Chamounix

Dove:

Controller - Flight

Gounod:

Juliette - Roméo et Juliette Mireille - Mireille Marguerite - Faust

Händel:

Poppea – Agrippina Morgana – Alcina Dalinda – Ariodante Celia – Silla Semele – Semele Cleopatra – Giulio Cesare

Haydn:

Flaminia – Il mondo della luna Eurilla – Orlando Paladino

Inglese:

Shim Chung – Shim Chung

Lee:

Minji – Sunday Supper

Massenet:

La Fée – *Cendrillon* Manon – *Manon* Crobyle – *Thaïs* Sophie - *Werther*

Meyerbeer:

Marguerite de Valois – *Les Huguenots* Dinorah - *Dinorah*

Monteverdi:

Poppea, Amore – L'incoronazione di Poppea



OPERATIC REPERTOIRE (Cont.)

Mozart:

Blonde - Die Entführung aus dem Serail
Pamina, Königin der Nacht - Die Zauberflöte
Ilia – Idomeneo
Susanna – Le nozze di Figaro
Madame Herz, Mademoiselle Silberklang – Der
Schauspieldirektor
Sevillia – La clemenza di Tito
Despina – Cosi fan tutte
Zerlina – Don Giovanni
Serpetta – La finta giardiniera
Tamiri – Il re pastore
Zaide – Zaide

Offenbach:

Olympia, Antonia, Giulietta, Stella – Les contes d'Hoffmann Eurydice, Cupid - Orphée aux enfers Rosita – Un mari à la porte

Poulenc:

Elle – *La voix Humaine* Sister Constance - *Dialogues des Carmélites* Thérèse - *Les mamelles de Tirésias*

Puccini:

Lauretta, Nella – *Gianni Schicchi* Musetta – *La boheme*

Purcell:

Belinda – *Dido and Aeneas* Titania – *The Fairy Queen*

Ravel:

Le feu – L'enfant et les sortileges

Rossini:

Rosina – *The Barber of Seville* Semiramide – *Semiramide* La Comtesse Adèle – *Le comte Ory*

Strauss, J.:

Adele – Die Fledermaus

Strauss, R.:

Zerbinetta – *Ariadne auf Naxos*Sophie – *Der Rosenkavalier*Fiakermilli – *Arabella*The Voice of a Falcon – *Die Frau ohne Schatten*

Thomas:

Ophélie – *Hamlet* Philine – *Mignon*

Verdi:

Nannetta – Falstaff Gilda – Rigoletto Violetta – La traviata Oscar – Un ballo in maschera

Weber:

Ännchen - Der Freischütz



MUSICAL THEATER

Bernstein:

Maria – West Side Story

Holzman:

Glinda - Wicked

Johnson:

Sophie – *Mamma Mia!*

Kunze:

Elizabeth - Elizabeth

Loewe:

Eliza Doolittle – *My Fair Lady*

Lloyd Weber:

Christine – The Phantom of the Opera

 $Grizabella-{\it Cats}$

Sondheim:

Johanna – Sweeney Todd

Wildhorn:

Emma – Jekyll & Hyde

Yeston:

Christine - Phantom

ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE

Bach:

Coffee Cantata St. John Passion St. Matthew Passion Ich habe genug

Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen

Mass in B minor Christmas Oratorio

Gounod:

Gloria Messe Solennell

Händel:

Il trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno Messiah

Samson

Haydn:

The Creation

Mozart:

Exultate Jubilate Mass in C major Concerto Arias

Orff:

Carmina Burana

Pergolesi:

Stabat Mater



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REVIEWS

"in the role of Shim Chung the Korean soprano Gyu Yeon Shim with clear vocals and perfectly at ease in the complicated score bristling with expressive and technical difficulties."

- Operaworld

"A standout in the second act is the role of The Fiakermilli, the "belle of the Coachmen's Ball," and Gyu Yeon Shim dazzled as a petite powerhouse of coloratura pyrotechnics. Hers was one of the most astonishing successes of the evening, both vocally and in vivaciously comic acting."

-Pittsburgh in the round

"Gyu-Yeon Shim is just such a star. With a voice as exquisite as her face and form, she flawlessly performed the titular role; she was utterly convincing as an innocent maiden exposed to the romantic notions of an English soldier. The role pushed her voice up into the stratosphere without any appearance of effort. Her voice is well focused with a pleasant vibrato. And a trill to thrill."

- Voce di Meche

"She has a light and well-focused soprano with a pleasing vibrato and sings without visible effort. We were especially fond of "I send my heart up to thee!" "

- Voce di Meche



