

Soprano Sigal Chen's voice blossoms to a consistently brilliant top well-suited to both Mozart and Puccini. As an emerging professional, her featured repertoire includes Krystyna Zywulska in Heggi's *Out of Darkness*, Sor Andrea in Carla Lucero's *Juana* and Cio-Cio San in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. A genuinely captivating singer-actress, Ms. Chen is establishing herself as an interpreter of new music.

A frequent performer of Mozart operas, Ms. Chen was most recently seen as Fiordiligi in *Cosí fan tutte* (2019) with Varna International in Bulgaria and with the Miami Music Festival as Die Königin der Nacht in *Die Zauberflöte* (2019). She has sung the roles of Contessa in *Le nozze di Figaro* (2017), Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte* (2015) in <u>Carnegie Hall</u>, and Susanna in *Le nozze di Figaro* (2014) all with Manhattan Opera Studio. Other engagements include performing with New York Lyric Opera Theatre Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte* and Madame Herz in *Der Schauspieldirektor*.

Ms. Chen has interpreted several great Puccini and bel canto heroines. Mimi in *La Bohème* (2018) with NY Opera Forum and the title role of *Suor Angelica* (2015) with New York Lyric Opera Theatre in Symphony Space. She performed the title role of *Semiramide* (2014) at the Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center with the New York Opera Forum and the title role of *Maria Stuarda* (July 2015).

A champion of new music, Ms. Chen was chosen to create the musically demanding role of Susanne in the world premiere of Israeli composer Aharon Harlap's Hebrew opera *Thérèse Raquin* at the Israel Music Festival with the Jerusalem Academy Orchestra. As a soprano soloist, Ms. Chen has sung at Holocaust commemoration events at New York's City Hall and the UJA Federation of New York. She has also been the featured soprano soloist in Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah at* the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts. She frequently sings solo and duet recitals in both New York and Israel, encompassing a broad range of styles, including opera, operetta, Lieder, musical theater, popular and Jewish (Yiddish, Ladino and Hebrew) music.

A recipient of the John Corigliano scholarship, Ms. Chen earned her Master's degree in Music Education from Lehman College. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in voice from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. As a member of the Academy's Opera Studio, Ms. Chen performed Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, Frau Fluth in *Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor*, First Nymph in *Rusalka*, Naide in *Ariadne auf Naxos*, and the title role in Ponchielli's *Lina*. In 2018, she was second round finalist in the Southold Opera House and a finalist at the Vienna Summer Music Festival Competition.



### **OPERATIC REPERTOIRE**

**Britten:** 

Ellen Orford - Peter Grimes

**Donizetti:** 

Maria Stuarda – Maria Stuarda

Harlap:

Susanne - Thérèse Raquin

Heggie:

Krystyna Zywulska – Another Sunrise/Out of Darkness

Korngold:

Marietta - Die tote Stadt

Leoncavallo:

Nedda – I Pagliacci

Lucero:

Sor Andrea - Juana

**Mozart:** 

Elettra- Idomeneo Königin der Nacht- Die Zauberflöte Fiordiligi- Così fan tutte Contessa- Le Nozze di Figaro Pamina- Die Zauberflöte Susanna- Le Nozze di Figaro Madame Herz- Der Schauspieldirektor

Picker:

Emmeline – Emmeline

**Puccini:** 

Cio-Cio San – *Madama Butterfly*Tosca – *Tosca*Suor Angelica, Suor Genovieffa – *Suor Angelica*Mimi – *La bohème*Liù- Turandot

**Rossini:** 

Semiramide - Semiramide



## ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE

Handel: Rossini:

Samson Stabat Mater Israel in Egypt

Mendelssohn: Schubert:

Elijah Mass in G Major, D.167

**Mozart:** 

Judas Maccabaeus

Requiem in d minor

Vesperae solennes de Dominica
Laudate Dominum
Regina Coeli K.276
Vesperae solennes de confessore

Vivaldi:
Gloria
Vesperae solennes de Dominica

## **CONDUCTORS**

Gregory Buchalter Aharon Harlap Yuya Miyazaki Stanley Sperber Keith Chambers

## **OPERA HOUSES/THEATERS**

Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach, FL Sea Garden Theater, Varna, Bulgaria Bruno Walter Auditorium, Lincoln Center DiCapo Opera Theater Carnegie Hall Symphony Space National Opera Center Jerusalem Theater, Israel



### **REVIEWS**

"Israeli-born opera singer Sigal Chen started the night off with pieces of famous operas La Boheme and Die Fledermaus before being dragged back onstage for an encore of Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm." For those who missed it, her phenomenal voice can be heard regularly at Riverdale community homes and synagogues."

### — The Riverdale Press

"As the neglected Countess, Sigal Chen sang with a rich full soprano that was notable for some impressive legato and beautiful phrasing."

### - Voce di Meche

"Rising star Sigal Chen has captivated many an audience with her stunning soprano voice, dramatic delivery, and wide-ranging repertoire."

### — The Riverdale Review

"Soprano Sigal Chen treated a sizable crowd to her breathtaking vocal skills in a program of operatic arias, Broadway hits, and Israel pop tunes."

### — The Riverdale Review

"Soprano Sigal Chen sang "Eli, Eli," a moving prayer-poem by Holocaust Martyr Hannah Senesh...The Audience was invited to join in, but most declined in favor of hearing Chen's arresting delivery."

### - Riverdale Review



