

Francesca Chiejina

Soprano



“With soprano Francesca Chiejina’s celestial voice suspended above the orchestra’s shimmering, mournful music, you might feel as if you’re transcending”

The Guardian

Nigerian-American soprano **Francesca Chiejina** is a member of the ensemble at Oper Wuppertal where this season she makes role debuts as **Desdemona** *Otello*, **Micäela** *Carmen*, **Elena** *il capello di paglia di Firenze*, and **Die Königin** *Die Prinzessin auf der Erbse* and performs Strauss’ *Vier letzte Lieder* at the Historische Stadthalle with conductor Johannes Witt.

Highlights in the season outside of Wuppertal include performances with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (Beethoven’s *Symphony no. 9*), Crouch End Festival Chorus (*A Child of Our Time*) and the Cambridge Philharmonic (Britten’s *War Requiem*).

A graduate of the prestigious Jette Parker artist programme, Francesca has performed on the stages of the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Birmingham Opera Company, English Touring Opera, Nevill Holt Opera, and Grange Park Opera in roles spanning from **Iphigenia in Tauris** and **Semele** to **Mimi** *La bohème*.

On the concert platform she has performed at the BBC Proms, the Edinburgh International Festival, the Oxford International Song Festival, with the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, The Netherlands Radio Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra collaborating with conductors such as Rafael Payare, Paul McCreesh, Daniel Hyde, Anna-Maria Helsing, and David Temple. She is particularly known for her interpretations of Verdi’s *Requiem*, Strauss *Orchesterlieder* and Górecki’s

Symphony of Sorrowful Songs which she has sung for the Royal Ballet’s *Light of Passage* and at the BBC Proms with Dalia Stasevska.

She is featured on the critically acclaimed recordings ‘Transfigured’ with the Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective (Chandos), ‘Our Indifferent Century’ (Delphian), *Carousel* with John Wilson and the Sinfonia of London (Chandos) and Elgar’s *The Kingdom* with the Crouch End Festival Chorus.

Francesca is the winner of the 2023 UK Critics’ Circle Young Talent (Voice) Award and, in June 2026, was profiled in BBC Global’s Arts in Motion series.

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