



Maria Riccarda Wesseling

Mezzo Soprano

Maria Riccarda Wesseling's current and recent engagements include **KABANICHA Kát'a Kabanová Staatsoper Stuttgart**, **KITCHEN BOY Rusalka Teatro di San Carlo, Napoli**, **BEGBICK The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny Opera Ballet Vlaanderen Antwerp**, **Berio Folk Songs philharmonie zuidnederland**, and **SOLOIST Wesendoncklieder Liszt Biennale Thüringen**. She is also directing *Carmen* for **Sommeroper Selzach** and *The Rake's Progress* **Theater Orchester Biel Solothurn**. Maria is a soloist on the recording of Martinu's *Les larmes du couteau*, longlisted for the Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik 2023.

Previous engagements include **LA PRINCIPESSA** in Mascagni's *Il piccolo Marat Concertgebouw Amsterdam*, **AMNERIS Aida** and **JEZIBABA Rusalka Opera Ballet Vlaanderen**, **GERTRUD Hänsel und Gretel Staatsoper Hannover**, **HERODIAS Salome Staatsoper Stuttgart**, **ORFEO Orfeo and Eurydice (Pina Bausch) Opéra National de Paris**, and **MARCELLINA Le nozze di Figaro Gran Teatre del Liceu**. Other past projects include the world premiere of David Philip Hefti's *Annas Maske* (title role) **Theater St. Gallen**, Frank Martin's *The Cornet* **Musikkollegium Winterthur**, and a song recital with works by Ethel Smyth, Lili Boulanger and Anna Cramer for **Dutch Classical Radio**.

Maria Riccarda sang leading roles at **Teatro Real Madrid**, **Staatsoper Berlin**, **Opéra National de Lyon**, **National Opera Amsterdam**, **Finnish National Opera**, **Grand Théâtre de Genève** and **Lincoln Center New York**. She sang concerts in venues such as the **Concertgebouw Amsterdam**, **Gewandhaus Leipzig**, **Tonhalle Zürich**, **Palau Valencia**, **Barbican Hall London**, **Ruhrtriennale**, **Händelfestspiele Halle**, **Schwetzingen Festspiele**, **Athens Festival** and **Festival de la Radio France**.

As a stage director, past productions include *The Merry Widow* **Theater Nordhausen**, *The Rape of Lucretia* **DNOA Amsterdam**, and Glanert's *Die drei Rätsel* **Basel Symphony Orchestra**.