



INTERNATIONAL OPERA AWARDS 2016 SHORTLIST REVEALED

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016 - The International Opera Awards are pleased to announce the shortlist for this year's Awards. These were selected by the jury chaired by **John Allison**, editor of *Opera* magazine and classical music critic with *The Daily Telegraph*.

John Allison was joined on the jury by **Joanna C. Lee**, musicologist, contributor to *Opera* and *Opera China* and founder of the Hong Kong-based Museworks Ltd., **Joan Matabosch**, Artistic Director of Teatro Real, Madrid, **Evans Mirageas**, Artistic Director of Cincinnati Opera and the Vice-President for Artistic Planning for The Atlanta Symphony, **Annilese Miskimmon**, opera director, General Manager and Artistic Director Danish National Opera and incoming Director of Opera of Den Norske Opera and Ballet, **Nicholas Payne**, Director of Opera Europa, **Sebastian Schwarz**, outgoing Deputy Artistic Director of Theater an der Wien and recently announced new General Director of Glyndebourne, and **Lyndon Terracini**, Artistic Director of Opera Australia.

Also on the jury were **Hugh Canning**, chief music critic for the *The Sunday Times* and regular *Opera* contributor, **George Hall**, music and opera critic for *The Guardian* and *The Stage* and regular *Opera* contributor, **George Loomis**, opera and classical music writer for *Opera*, *MusicalAmerica.com*, the *International New York Times*, *The Financial Times* and other publications, and **Erna Metdepenninghen**, formerly of *De Standaard*, and a correspondent of *Opera*.

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Sunday 15 May which will be held again in central London. To vote in the Readers' Award please go to the International Opera Awards website: <http://www.operaawards.org>

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Accessibility

Atlanta Opera
Birmingham Opera Company
English Touring Opera
Monster in the Maze (Aix en Provence, Berlin, London)
Opera Holland Park
The Opera Platform

CD (Complete Opera)

Brett Dean: Bliss, ABC Classics
Donizetti: Les Martyrs, Opera Rara
Handel: Partenope, Erato
Nielsen: Maskarade, Dacapo
Smetana: Dalibor, Onyx
Verdi: Aida, Warner

CD (Operatic Recital)

Diana Damrau: Fiamma del Belcanto, Warner
Ann Hallenberg: Agrippina, DHM
Bryan Hymel: Héroïque, Warner
Christiane Karg: Scene!, Berlin Classics
Matthew Rose: Arias for Benucci, Hyperion
Sonya Yoncheva: Paris, Mon Amour, Sony

Chorus

English National Opera
Glyndebourne
Komische Oper
Metropolitan Opera
MusicAeterna
Opera Vlaanderen

Conductor

René Jacobs
Vladimir Jurowski
Gianandrea Noseda
Carlo Rizzi
Christian Thielemann
Mark Wigglesworth

Designer

Michael Levine
Vicki Mortimer
Rebecca Ringst
Heike Scheele
Vita Tzykun
Annemarie Woods

Director

Kasper Holten
Damiano Michieletto
Katie Mitchell
Laurent Pelly
David Pountney
Mariusz Treliński

DVD

Puccini: Manon Lescaut (The Royal Opera), Sony
Rameau: Les Indes galantes (Les Talens Lyriques), Alpha
Rimsky-Korsakov: The Tsar's Bride (Staatsoper Berlin), Bel Air
Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier (Glyndebourne), Opus Arte
Szymanowski: Król Roger (The Royal Opera), Opus Arte
Wagner: Tannhäuser (Bayreuth Festival), Opus Arte

Female Singer

Anna Bonitatibus
Mariella Devia
Rosa Feola
Christine Goerke
Evelyn Herltzius
Anna Netrebko

Festival

Aix-en-Provence
Glyndebourne
Grimeborn
Ruhr Triennale
Santa Fe
Wexford

Male Singer

Javier Camarena
Anthony Roth Costanzo
Stéphane Degout
Igor Golovatenko
Gregory Kunde
Henry Waddington

New Production

Bellini: I Puritani, Welsh National Opera
Berg: Wozzeck, Lyric Opera of Chicago
Britten: Peter Grimes, Theater an der Wien
Halévy: La Juive, Opera Vlaanderen
Handel: Saul, Glyndebourne
Mascagni/Leoncavallo: Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci, Salzburg Easter Festival

Opera Company

Deutsche Oper Berlin
Dutch National Opera
Opera Philadelphia
Polish National Opera
Theater an der Wien
Welsh National Opera

Readers' Award

Danielle De Niese
Joyce DiDonato
Michael Fabiano
Gerald Finley
Juan Diego Flórez
Dmitri Hvorostovsky
Ermonela Jahoz
Eva-Maria Westbroek

Rediscovered Work

Donizetti: Il furioso all'isola di San Domingo, English Touring Opera
Egk: Peer Gynt, Staatstheater Braunschweig
Mascagni: Guglielmo Ratcliff, Wexford Festival
Offenbach: Le Roi Carotte, Opéra de Lyon
Porpora: Il Germanico, Innsbrucker Festwochen der alten Musik
Tippett: The Ice Break, Birmingham Opera Company

World Premiere

Harrison Birtwistle: The Cure, Aldeburgh Festival
Pascal Dusapin: Penthesilea, La Monnaie
Hans Gefors: Notorious, Gothenburg Opera
Jennifer Higdon: Cold Mountain, Santa Fe Opera
Jimmy López: Bel Canto, Lyric Opera of Chicago
Kate Miller-Heidke: The Rabbits, Barking Gecko/Opera Australia/Perth and Melbourne Festivals

Young Conductor

Bassem Akiki
Matthew Aucoin
Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla
Christian Kluxen
Giacomo Sagripanti
Duncan Ward

Young Director

Fabio Ceresa
Daisy Evans
Max Hoehn
Sjaron Minailo
Eva-Maria Melbye
Rafael Villalobos

Young Female Singer

Ekaterina Bakanova
Aida Garifullina
Asmik Grigorian
Golda Schultz
Nadine Sierra
Nozuko Teto

Young Male Singer

Michele Angelini
Atalla Ayan
Stanislas de Barbeyrac
Ioan Hotea
Gyula Orendt
Fernando Javier Radó