



Marie-Claude Bottius, Soprano

Endowed with a Great Velvety Voice of Lyric Soprano, Marie-Claude Bottius impresses with her sense of stage drama. This year, Marie-Claude has the pleasure of giving her brand new recital *Exotisme Lyrique* on the characters of black women in 19th century French opera, in Paris and in the provinces. And in a completely different register, she will reunite with visual artist Maxime Rossi for an original program designed especially for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

In 2023, she played the role of Donna Elvira in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, broadcast on France Télévisions channels. She performed in the *Envolées Lyriques Concert* in Rueil-Malmaison in June 2023. There was also a broadcast of the short film "Sous le Gel de Glasgow" at the Sundance Festival in October 2023, without forgetting her participation in the Competition for Lyrical Voices from Africa in April 2023.

In 2021-2022, she performs again Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* in Martinique and Guadeloupe with Carib'Opera and *De Vénus Miriam au pas de mon chant*, her show about the Venus Hottentote and Miriam Makeba life.

She performs Zerlina in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Filia in Carissimi's oratorio *Jephté*, Dame de la cour role in Offenbach's *La Périchole*, conducted by Olivier Holt Casadesus. Interested in Chevalier Saint-George music, she highlighted her repertoire presenting concertlecture with the great French actor Michael Lonsdale. She also recorded Stravinski's *Les Noces* with The Balcon orchestra conducted by Maxime Pascal. Soloist within "Chœur en Scène" (french lyric company) for 10 years, she sang pieces from the baroque period until the 20th century.

In 2020-2021, with her accomplices Elen hervochon and Dania El Zein, Marie-Claude Bottius gives the recital for voice and harp *Three Birds*. She creates with Chantal Loïal, choreographer and artistic director of the company Difékako, an anniversary version of her show *On t'appelle Vénus* titled *De Vénus à Miriam au pas de mon chant*.

In 2019-2020, she finds Mozart with Donna Elvira's role in *Don Giovanni* in Italy in the Fenaroly Teater staged by Emilio Marcucci. She interprets the role of Zamba, in the opera *Le Code Noir* of Clapisson, with The Paladins, staged by Jean-Pierre Baro and managed by Jérôme Correas.

In may 2018, she made her Pamina debut on the National Stage of the Artchipel in Guadeloupe. This Mozart's *Zauberflöte* was conducted by Gaspart Brécourt and staged by Annie Milon.

She sang Mozart's masterpieces *Die Zauberflöte* (Second Lady's part) and the Coronation Mass under Dominique Rouits direction (Massy Opera conductor). She also developed the Carib'Opera project with Jean-Loup Pagésy, Josselin Michalon, JeanPierre Cadignan and Joël O' Cangha to promote Caribbean unknown music and afro-caribbean singers. She sang *Diamantine* (*L'Île de Merlin, Glück*) and *Mathurine* (*Le Mariage du Diable ou L'Ivrogne Corrigé, Glück*) and Gala concerts conducted by Olivier Holt Casadesus at Fort-deFrance Festival – Martinique 2014 and 2017.

She has performed works by a wide range of contemporary composers, Carlo Carcano, Jean-Christophe Marti, Alexandros Markeas, Zad Moultaqa and Gabriel Sivak and creating the Opera Singers'part in Thierry Machuel's opera *Le Duplicateur* in 2016 (staged by Yaël Bacri). She also performed as Governess and Hersé Goddess parts in *Gradiva* (Justine Verdier's contemporary opera). She performed on the Massy Opera stage, singing *Don Pasquale* (Donizetti) in 2015.

As a child, Marie-Claude was a dancer and chorus-singer in the "Pueri Cantores" ensemble. After a Sociology of Organisation Master in Sciences Po Paris, she began the study of singing with Christiane Eda-Pierre. Then, she entered the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris (Mireille Alcantara's class) and obtained the Diplôme Supérieur d'Execution. She awarded both the Second Prize at "Les Clés d'Or" competition and at the International Competition George Enesco, congratulated by the president of the jury Viorica Cortez. She pursued Masterclasses and Academies with Robert Massard, Luisa Mauro (Verdi academy of Milan), Enza Ferrari (Scala of Milan), Philip Richardson (Royal Chapel of Brussels).