

Hailed by the Financial Times for her “easy flexibility, arresting poise and enveloping warmth,” mezzo-soprano Cecelia Hall is a member of Oper Frankfurt’s prestigious ensemble and appears regularly as a guest artist on many of the world’s finest stages. Recent successes include the roles of Ariodante, Serse, Carmen, Charlotte/*Werther*, and Der Komponist/*Ariadne auf Naxos*, as well as concerts with Jaap van Zweden, Harry Bicket, Jean-Christophe Spinosi, Christopher Allen, and Thomas Guggeis.

Cecelia’s 2025-26 season opens with concerts with the Sag Harbor Song Festival, followed by three role debuts at Oper Frankfurt: Sesto in Händel’s *Giulio Cesare in Egitto*, conducted by Laurence Cummings and directed by Nadja Loschky; Judy/Fortune Teller in Birtwistle’s *Punch & Judy*, conducted by Alden Gatt and directed by Wolfgang Nägele; and Second Angel/Marie in Benjamin’s *Written on Skin*, conducted by Erik Nielsen and directed by Tatjana Gürbaca.

A highlight of Cecelia’s 2024-25 season was Der Komponist in Strauss’ *Ariadne auf Naxos* at Seville’s Teatro de la Maestranza, conducted by Guillermo García Calvo and directed by Joan Joan Antón Rechi, for which she was lauded in multiple publications for her ‘masterful’ portrayal, with a voice of ‘pure silk’ and ‘generous resources and projection’. Opera Actual’s Ismael G Cabral wrote: ‘I wish Strauss had given more lines to the troubled composer, because the mezzo Cecelia Hall took care of every detail, phrased with authentic intention and pleasure, and showed that she had a sincerely beautiful voice.’ In Frankfurt, she appeared in several new productions, including Magnard’s *Guercoeur* conducted by Marie Jacquot and directed by David Hermann, and Reimann’s *Melusine* conducted by Karsten Januschke and directed by Aileen Schneider. In concert, she sang Mozart’s *Requiem* with Utah Symphony conducted by Christopher Allen, and Mendelssohn’s *Lobgesang* at the Alte Oper Frankfurt conducted by Thomas Guggeis.

Cecelia’s opera engagements outside Frankfurt over the past few seasons included title role debuts in new productions of *La Cenerentola* for Boston Lyric Opera (for which Operawire’s João Marcos Copertino praised her “beautiful lyrical instrument”) and Bizet’s *Carmen* for Austin Opera conducted by Timothy Myers, as well as *Xerxes* for the Komische Oper Berlin and *Ariodante* for The Israeli Opera. Her concert engagements included Megacle in Vivaldi’s *L’Olimpiade* with Jean-Christophe Spinosi and Ensemble Matheus in London, Mozart’s *Requiem* in a series of concerts at New York’s Lincoln Center with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Jaap van Zweden, Bach’s *St John Passion* on tour with the Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century conducted by Daniel Reuss, and a performance of Mendelssohn’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at New York’s Carnegie Hall with the Orchestra of St. Luke’s conducted by Harry Bicket with narration by David Hyde Pierce.

Recent seasons in Frankfurt have included several notable debuts for Cecelia: title role *Serse*, title role in Mozart’s *Ascanio in Alba*, Charlotte *Werther*, Irene *Tamerlano*, Hänsel *Hänsel und Gretel*, Marguerite *La Damnation de Faust*, Dido *Dido & Aeneas*, Idamante *Idomeneo*, and Fulvia in Gluck’s *Ezio*. Frankfurt audiences have also seen her as Cherubino *Le nozze di Figaro*, Dorabella *Così fan tutte*, Zerlina *Don Giovanni*, and Zweite Dame *Die Zauberflöte*. Other European highlights include Cherubino *Le Nozze di Figaro* at the Bayerische Staatsoper with Ivor Bolton, Zaida *Il Turco in Italia* in Aix-en-Provence, led by Christopher Alden and Marc Minkowski, and her debut at Opera Holland Park in the title role of Handel’s *Serse*. Cecelia made her Russian debut singing Komponist *Ariadne auf Naxos* with Vladimir Jurowski and the Moscow Philharmonic Society, a role she has also performed at the Palau de les Arts Valencia conducted by Sir Andrew Davis and in the US at the Tanglewood Festival conducted by Christoph von Dohnanyi.

Further highlights of Cecelia’s work in North America include an acclaimed debut as Romeo in Bellini’s *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* in a new production directed by James Darrah and conducted by Christopher Allen at Opera Omaha. Kevin Hanrahan of Opera News wrote, “It was Cecelia Hall who outshone them all as Romeo. The



dynamic flexibility with which Hall sang, shaping every phrase with dramatic intention, was a delightful example of bel canto singing.” Other highlights include Don Ramiro *La Finta Giardiniera* at the Santa Fe Opera, conducted by Harry Bicket and directed by Tim Albery; Rosina *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* at the Canadian Opera Company, cond. Rory MacDonald, dir. Joan Font; Sesto *La Clemenza di Tito* with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, cond. Stephen Lord, dir. Stephen Lawless; and the Page *Salome* with the Philadelphia Orchestra, cond. Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Cecelia has sung multiple times with Opera Philadelphia: as Ruby Thewes in the east coast premiere of Jennifer Higdon’s *Cold Mountain*, cond. Corrado Rovaris, dir. Leonard Foglia; and as Clorinda and Sorrel in *War Stories* (a double bill of Monteverdi’s *Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* and Beecher’s *I Have No Stories To Tell You*), cond. Gary Wedow, dir. Robin Guarino as part of the inaugural Festival 017, for which she was featured on the cover of Opera News. Cecelia sang Wellgunde and Rossweisse in Seattle Opera’s *Ring des Nibelungen*, cond. Asher Fisch, dir. Stephen Wadsworth, which was recorded and released commercially.

An alumna of the Lyric Opera of Chicago’s Ryan Opera Center, Cecelia received much critical acclaim for her turn there as Annio *La Clemenza di Tito* with Sir Andrew Davis and David McVicar and for her performance in the title-role of Handel’s *Teseo* at Chicago Opera Theater. As an alumna of the Metropolitan Opera’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, she has appeared at the Met as Javotte *Manon* and as Second Priestess *Iphigénie en Tauride*.

A noted recitalist, Cecelia has appeared several times at Carnegie Hall, in a Spotlight recital and gala with the Marilyn Horne Foundation and with Carnegie’s own Ensemble ACJW. In Frankfurt, she gave a much-lauded Liederabend with Hilko Dumno. As a Samling Artist, she sang in recital with Sir Thomas Allen and Malcolm Martineau at Wigmore Hall. Cecelia made her Mostly Mozart debut as the mezzo soloist in Mozart’s Mass in C minor and Requiem with Maestro Louis Langrée and appeared with the Bay Atlantic Symphony singing *Les Nuits d’Été*.

An alumna of The Juilliard School and DePaul University, Cecelia is a recipient of a 2011 Sara Tucker Study Grant, a 2012 Brian Dickie Outstanding Young Singer Award, the 2013 Lynne Harvey Foundation Scholarship from the Musician’s Club of Women, and Third Prize from the 2013 Gerda Lissner Foundation.

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