

Alexandra Mena, mezzo soprano

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Alexandra Mena, mezzo-soprano, was born in San José, California to Argentine-Italian parents. She made her Davies Symphony Hall debut as Elizabeth Bennet in excerpts of Kirke Mechem's new opera *Pride & Prejudice*, with the San Francisco Choral Society. Alexandra has also appeared as Lady Bertram in the West Coast Premiere of Jonathan Dove's *Mansfield Park* with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Other roles include Ottavia in *Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea*, Romeo in *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, Dritte Dame in *Die Zauberflöte*, the Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Second Witch in *Dido and Aeneas*, Carmela in *La vida breve*, and Giovanna in *Rigoletto*.

In concert, her solo work includes Wagner's Wesendonck Lieder, De Falla's *El amor brujo*, Respighi's *Il Tramonto*, C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat, Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit pour Noel*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and *Solennes de Confessore*, Pergolesi's Magnificat, Bach's Magnificat, Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*, Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* and *The Creation*, Carson Cooman's *A Kingdom of Justice*, and Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music*.

Alexandra was the recipient of the **Milton Mosk and Thomas Foutch Scholarship Award** at the **San Francisco Conservatory of Music**, where received her Master of Music degree in vocal performance. She was also awarded the **Charlene Archibeque Choral Endowment Scholarship Award** at **San José State University**, where she completed her Bachelor of Music degree, also in vocal performance.