



JOYCE DIDONATO

Mezzo-soprano

“The staggering, joyful artistry of Joyce DiDonato reminds us that in any generation there are a few giants. Joyce is not only a great, brave and inspiring artist – one of the finest singers of our time- but she is also a transformative presence in the arts. Those who know her repertoire are in awe of her gifts, and those who know nothing of it are instantly engaged. Joyce sings and the world is suddenly brighter. She compels us to listen actively, to hear things anew.”

Jake Heggie, Gramophone

Kansas-born Joyce DiDonato entrances audiences and critics across the globe in operas ranging from Mozart and Handel to Rossini, Donizetti, Berlioz and Heggie. Winner of the 2018 Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera, she is a multi-Grammy Award winner and a fierce advocate for the arts.

An exclusive recording artist with Erato/Warner Classics, the most recent addition to Joyce’s acclaimed discography is Berlioz’ *Les Troyens* which won the Award for Best Complete Opera Recording at the 2018 International Opera Awards, the 2018 BBC Music Magazine Opera Award and is nominated in the Opera category at this year’s Gramophone Awards. Her solo albums include *In War & Peace* which won the 2017 Best Recital Gramophone Award, *Stella di Napoli*, the Grammy-Award-winning *Diva Divo* and *Drama Queens*. Erato/Warner Classics will release two new albums this season, *Songplay* and *Into the Fire*.

This season she sings Didon in *Les Troyens* for the first time on stage at the Vienna State Opera, Sesto at the Metropolitan Opera and the title role in *Agrippina* in a European concert tour with Il pomo d’oro. She will perform at the BBC Proms and in Hamburg with the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique under Gardiner, in Carnegie Hall with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Nézet-Séguin, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Muti and with the Accademia Santa Cecilia Orchestra under Pappano. Joyce will also tour the US and Europe with NYO USA under Pappano and travel to Russia and Asia with Il pomo d’oro under Emelyanychev . In recital she performs *Winterreise* partnered by Nézet-Séguin in Kansas City and Ann Arbor.

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