

Negar Zarassi – Lyrical Soprano

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Singing and acting roles

- Commercial filming with Rickard Söderberg for Memira, released Jan 2023
- Soloist in "Don Juan" by Mozart in the role of Donna Anna at Stadsteatern in Gothenburg, premiere autumn 2022
- Soloist in "Le maitre" by Germaine Tailleferre at Malmö Opera, premiere spring 2020, was also played in autumn 2021
- Participated in various roles in the film "Perssons Parad" recorded at Malmö Opera, premiere autumn 2021
- The role of "Singer" in Masthuggsteatern's production of "Spökutdrivning för nybörjare", premiere March 2021, music by Jonas Franke Blom
- Appeared as a singer in the movie "I just want to come home" by Nasrin Pakkho, premiere autumn 2021
- Appeared as a singer in the film "Nelly Rapp" SF film premiere 23 Oct 2020
- Dessi's mother, role in the series "Festen" and "Festen 2" produced by SVT, broadcasted in May 2019 and Feb 2020
- Amira in "East side stories", newly written musical by Annika Kofoed, lyrics Bim Wikström, music by P-O Nilsson, premiere 27 April 2018, collaboration between Helsingborg's city theatre, Inva-sam and "Together" in Helsingborg
- Actress in the movie "Bride Money and Democracy" by Reza Rahimi, premiere March 2017
- Nasreen in "Drömmarnas väg" Newly written musical drama play by Vanja Hamidi Isacsson, music by Daniel Fjellström and direction by Rayam Al-Jazeera, Tetaer Jalada, premiere 12 Nov 2015, Malmö Opera
- Paribanu in "Thousand and One Nights", newly written opera at Malmö Opera, Premiere 28 Dec 2013, as well as a new premiere in Dec 2015
- Appeared as a singer in the film "Rainbow Song" by Nasreen Pakkho, premiered in 2014

- Understudy for Papagena in "The Magic Flute" at the Gothenburg Opera, April-May 2012
- The child in "L'enfant et les sortilèges" by M. Ravel, directed by Gunilla Gårdfeldt, Feb 2012 at HSM
- Nanetta in "Falstaff" by G. Verdi, directed by Sven-Åke Gustavsson Feb 2010 at HSM
- Street opera "Anyone knows who I am" directed by Lennart and Tinou Merigot May 2009
- Foreign woman in "The Consul" by G. C Menotti, director Mira Bartov Feb 2009 at HSM
- Menelippa in the baroque opera "Lo shiavo di sua moglie" directed by Eva Nässén Oct 2008 at HSM
- Choir singer in "Don Giovanni" by Mozart and "The rakes progress" by Stravinsky
- The mother in "Albert Herring" act 2 by B. Britten at the Academy of Opera in Stockholm May 2007

Education

- The University of Theater and Music in Gothenburg HSM, Opera Bachelor's degree 2007-2010
- Vocal classical soloist bachelor's degree, Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm 2005-2007
- Classical music and vocal studies at Ljungskile folkhighschool 2003-2005
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- Opera studio at Gothenburg Opera 2000-2001
- I have studied for Birgit Louise Frandsen, Dale Fundling, Lena Hellström Färnlöf and Paulina Bielicz
- Participated in masterclasses with, among others, Håkan Hagegård, Neil Mackie, Matti Hirvonen, Dorothy Irving, Barbara Bonney, David Jones and Helena Döse.
- I speak Swedish, English, French and Persian fluently.
- I have studied German and Italian at university, I also understand some Spanish.

Repertoire

- April 2022 my first album of opera and persian music was released, record label is

United Voice

- Opera, operetta, oratorio, musical, Persian, jazz, folk
- I have sung a lot of romances/lieder by, among others, Sibelius, Schumann, Schubert, Liszt, Faure, Britten, Manuel de Falla and Peterson-Berger.
- I have studied romances by Rachmaninov in Russian.
- Persian folk songs

Contact me for more info on repertoire.

Previous and upcoming experiences

I am often hired as a soloist with various choirs, orchestras and at various types of events, here comes a selection.

- Contracted as soloist for several concerts at Malmö Opera, Jan 2026
- Chosen to sing as a soloist at the secular ceremony before the opening of the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm, Sep 2024
- Booked for several concerts/festivals during 2025 in various cities in Sweden.
- Chosen to sing as a soloist and as the only performing artist before the Kings public speech when the King and Queen of Sweden visited Gothenburg for his Majestys 50 years anniversary, June 2023
- Sold-out solo concert at Stora Teatern in Gothenburg, Oct 2023
- Soloist at Brahms Requiem, Halland Nov 2024
- Soloist with Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra (Swedens National Orchestra) Oct 2022, March 2023 and December 2023, different repertoire each time; Berio Folksongs, aria "Ebben ne andro lontana" by Catalani and Christmas songs among others.
- Participated as a guest in major TV productions 2019-2024, latest show is "Kontrapunkt" a classical music, art and literature quizz broadcasted on National Swedish Television (SVT) I have also participated in persian tv shows since 2020.
- Third prize winner in the talent competition "Persia's got Talent" seen by more than 30 million people around the world, 2020
- Chamber music tour with classical guitarist David Härenstam, music by De Falla, Britten, Rouhani, Villa-Lobos, Mozart
- Soloist and moderator at PROMS concert nov 2024
- Soloist at Mozart Requiem, Gothenburg Concert Hall, march 2024
- Chamber music tour with French and Scandinavian songs by Fauré, Berlioz, Poulenc, Sibelius, Linde and Grieg, 2022-2024
- Singer at Citizen's Ceremony on National Day in GBG city at Stora Teatern, 2021
- Concert recording for Riksteatern, "Voice of Change" 2020
- Foyer concert at Gothenburg Opera, 2019
- Soprano soloist at "Johannespasjonen" in Hjo church, 2018
- Hired as a soloist at many different types of company events, 2010-2024
- Employed as a soloist at church concerts and services, 2010-2024
- Often hired as a soloist at funerals, 2010-2024

- Participated as a soloist at "Eldfesten" Chaharshambe souri in Stockholm, 2015 and 2016 and 2020
- Soloist with the Oslo Symphony Orchestra, Opera Ballet in Oslo, 2013
- IKEA, participates with singing and acting in a film for their TV product "EXPERIENCE", 2012
- UEFA Women's EC draw at the Swedish Fair Gothenburg 2012
- Performed as an artist and singer at the Salzburger Hof in BadGastein, Austria 2012
- Sung for Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel during their visit to Gothenburg in 2011
- "Barcelona" by F. Mercury together with Peter Johansson, Scandinavia, Gothenburg 2010
- Opera sing-a-long, Kungsbacka Theater Sep 2010
- "Celebration party" at Marstrand for the Danish Princes 2010
- Spring concert, Småland's Music and Theatre, Jönköping April 2010
- Worked with performance art. I am very interested in operas possibilities of expression in different contexts.
- I have been very much engaged in the movement of "Woman, life, freedom" since sep 2022. I have participated in interviews on radio and also articles in the newspapers to tell about the ongoing protests in Iran. This is something that I mention in my own concerts but I have also sung at concerts and events that highlight this movement.
- I sing at different charity concerts when I have the possibility. This year, 2024, I am singing for medical equipment in Ukraine, "Stadsmissionen" that helps people in need, a Cancer foundation and the child poverty "Majblomman" foundation.

Scholarships

I have received scholarships from, among others: Royal Academy of Music, Helge Axelsson Johnsson's Foundation, Eduard Magnus Music Fund, Freemasons, Willinska Foundation. Latest in 2023 is Mary von Sydow à 50 000 SEK and Adlebertska where I was nomineed and it will be handed to me on Nov 5th 2024 at a ceremony, à 105 000 SEK

Extra information

- I love to dance, cook and bake!
- Please visit my homepage and Instagram to find out more, lots of videos, live recordings and pictures, you can also find me on Spotify/Itunes etc

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