

ERICA WENMENG GU soprano

Erica WenMeng Gu was born on September 4th, 1992 in ChengDu (Republic of China) from a family of musicians, and she started studying singing with her father, who is a tenor. She has obtained her master's degree in June 2016 at the Shanghai Conservatory under the guidance of the teacher Xuan Huang.

During her period of studies, she has gained a lot of artistic experiences. Among these ones we remember in 2014 the performance in the role of Pamina (**Die Zäberflöte**) at the Shanghai Comic Opera Festival; the attendance at the Christmas Concert held in the Auditorium of Sant'Agostino in Genoa, conducted by Marco Zambelli; in 2015 she sang the role of Mimì in (**La Bohème**) at the Teatro Belli in Rome and she was the Countess in **Le nozze di Figaro** at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center under the baton of Umberto Finazzi and with the stage direction of Marco Gandini; always in 2015 she sang **Exsultate, Jubilate K165** by W.A.Mozart at the 2nd Shanghai Baroque Festival under the guidance of David Stern; in 2016 she was Lauretta in **Gianni Schicchi** at the DongCheng Theater in Beijing.

In 2017 she moved to Italy to continue her studies and she was admitted into the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino-Opera in Florence where she has been studying from April to July 2017. Here she attended the masterclass held by the soprano Fiorenza Cedolins, with whom she still continuing her singing studies.

Erica has also be awarded in lots of competition in 2017: First classified in the selections for the Academy of the Verdi Festival-Teatro Regio di Parma, 3rd prize at the International Golden Salice Opera Competition, Best Young Prize at the "Bellano Paese Degli Artisti" International Lyrical Singing Competition, Special Award at the Fiorenza Cossotto International Competition in Bologna, First Prize at the Teatro Fraschini of Pavia for the XXII "Voci Nuove" Competition and she won the Rolex scholarship for the Georg Solti Academy summer course. On this last occasion, at the N.C.P.A.of Beijing, she was the only singer winning the selections for 2017 among the entire Republic of China citizens.

Among the recent and future engagements: the evening in memory of Luciano Pavarotti entitled **Bollani/Pavarotti/Rossini** in Modena, **Verdi's Requiem** in Milan and **I due Foscari** at Verdi Festival in Parma.

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