

GALINA SHESTERNEVA, soprano

was born in Russia and studied voice at the Ukrainian State Conservatory in Odessa. She is a prize winner of the international voice competitions of Marseille and of Karlovy Vary. Later she completed her studies with Mara Zampieri, Rita Patané and Magda Olivero.

The soprano made her stage debut as Madame Butterfly with the Odessa Opera in 1993. In 1996 she toured Europe with the "Compania Opera Lirica G. Verdi".

In 1998 she came to Germany and made her debut at the Bad Hersfeld Festival with "Trovatore". The same year she sang Zemlinsky's "Der Geburtstag der Infantin" in Berlin. Under the baton of M. Rostropovich she sang the title role (Veschnanka) in the world premiere of S. Slonimsky's "The terribles dreams".

Since 1999 Galina Shesterneva has lived and worked in Germany. She is securely established as one of the country's most important spinto sopranos.

Her repertoire includes roles such as Norma, Maddalena di Coigny (Andrea Chenier), Santuzza (Cavalleria rusticana), Tosca, Cio-cio-san, Minnie (La Fanciulla del West), Manon Lescaut, Desdemona (Otello), Leonora (Il Trovatore), Leonora (La forza del destino), Aida, Amelia (Un ballo in maschera), Amelia (Simone Boccanegra), Elisabetta (Don Carlo), Elvira (Ernani) Lady Macbeth (Macbeth), Gioconda, Elisabeth (Tannhäuser) and Messa da Requiem (Verdi).

After a critically acclaimed debut in the title role of Puccini's "Turandot", Milano's Teatro alla Scala hired her for a new "Turandot" production in 2011. In January 2012 she will make her debut at the Bolschoi Theatre in Moscow as Turandot.

