

Marie Te Hapuku *soprano*

New Zealand Maori soprano Marie Te Hapuku joined the Metropolitan Opera artist roster in 2010 as an immediate cover for Lina in Verdi's STIFFELIO. Hailed by the Sarasota Herald-Tribune as "the perfect Verdi heroine, richly musical and emotionally touching", she is completely at ease with the vocal demands of Verdi. Her roles also include Aida, Leonora (IL TROVATORE), and Amelia (UN BALLO IN MASCHERA), as well as Tosca, Fiordiligi (COSÌ FAN TUTTE), and the ladies Donna Anna and Donna Elvira (DON GIOVANNI). Recent engagements include a return to her highly-praised roles as Abigail in NABUCCO (Verdi) in Tokyo, Leonora in IL TROVATORE with Intermountain Opera, her European debut with Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona in a program featuring the works of Victorien Sardou, and stepping-in as a last-minute cover as Donna Anna with Opera Australia in Sydney. Loved by audiences and the press alike, Australia's Opera~Opera Magazine declared her "possessed of a rich voice with just a hint of steel behind it, and blessed by a personality that communicates effortlessly across the footlights".

Recognized as "the sort of voice that the orchestra loves, fitting into its texture with an easy warmth" by Opera News, Ms. Te Hapuku regularly appears on the symphony stage. Concert performances include Verdi's REQUIEM with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Symphony, New Hampshire Music Festival, and American West Symphony, Beethoven's NINTH SYMPHONY with the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra and the San Jose Symphony, Fiordiligi in COSÌ FAN TUTTE with the Brooklyn Philharmonic, and a concert tour with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. She especially enjoys sharing her Polynesian background in special concerts featuring the rich music of her Maori heritage, and regularly performs in Washington, DC for the annual ANZAC Memorial Services at the National Cathedral.

Born in Gisborne, Marie Te Hapuku is a direct descendent of paramount Maori chief, Te Hapuku Ngai Te Whatuiapiti. She holds dual citizenship in New Zealand and the United States, and resides in New York City.