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La traviata

Giuseppe Verdi

a show by Jaume Villanueva

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 6:00-8:30PM

Opera in three acts

Act I: 30 min. / 10 min. break / Act II: 60 min. / 10 min. break / Act III: 30 min.
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This is the 13th performance of *La traviata* by Opera Popular de Barcelona at the Palau de la Música Catalana.

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PRESENTATION

The refined perversion of Marcel Proust's Paris surreptitiously gravitates over the drama, distorting the sordidness hidden among unspeakable luxuries and secrets. Love belittled, sin conjures up the murky characters who walk through the impudent salons, transgressing the Ten Commandments like ancestral pagan idolaters. Death is the only pious—and absurd—exit that God grants to Violetta, the traviata, the lost one, object and victim of the depraved machinations.



PERFORMERS

Music by **Giuseppe Verdi**
Libretto by **Francesco Maria Piave**

Terrassa 48 Chamber Orchestra
directed by Josep Miquel Mindán
Concertino violin Quim Térmens
Choir director Pablo Morales
Repeating teachers **Juli Rodríguez**

Staging by Jaume Villanueva
Costume design by Montse Miralles
Choreography by **Kevin Donaire**
Lighting by **Jordi Ribera**
Costumes and props **Anaïs Roca, Enric Boixadera**
Characterization **Laura Liñan, Raquel García**
Assistant Director **Pau Sintes**
Stage Manager **Álvaro Duran, Cristina Sainz**
Production assistant **Marta Mateu**
Executive producer **Marina Negre**

Lighting **Imesde**,
Serveis Tècnics del Palau de la Música
Costumes and props **Rafató Teatre**
Surtitle **Gerard Vintró**
Photography **Cristina Forés**
Audiovisuals **MIC Group i Foccus**

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Cast:

Aseel Massoud, Violetta Valéry
Olha Shvidka, Flora Bervoix, her friend
Sara García, Annina, Violetta's servant
Facundo Muñoz, Alfredo Germont
Lluís Sintes, Giorgio Germont, his father
Roberto Redondo, Gastone, Viscount of Létorières
Alejandro Chelet, Baron Douphol
Néstor Pindado, Marquis d'Obigny
Danil Sayfullin, Doctor Grenvil
Àlex Otero, Giuseppe, Violetta's servant
Ot Oset, Flora's servant
Ariel Seras, a commission agent

Choir

Sopranos

Leyna Díaz
Luz M. Honorio
Tanya Mateos
Alba M. Nieto
Laura Tena

Tenors

Pablo Morales
Héctor Ortín
Josep Perea
Àlex Otero
Jacob Rifà
Albert Valero

Mezzosopranos

Clara Gifre
Noniko Kiyuna
Edith López
Nadia Ruseva
Rocío Seras
Ariadna Vila

Basses

Alec Arribas
Raúl Blanguino
Pablo Morales
Ot Oset
Arnau Segura
Ariel Seras

Orquestra:

Violins 1

Quim Térmens
Pere Bartolomé
Judith Ortega
Maria Perera
Herbert Rovira

Violins 2

Irantzu Zuasti
Aleix Puig
Sara Balasch
Núria Messalles

Violas

Fèlix Gallego
Arabela Fernández
Albert Romero

Chellos

Manuel M. del Fresno
Núria Padrós

Double bass

Sebastian Forest
Felipe Hernán

Flute

Bernat Castillejo

Flute + Piccolo

Mirjam Plas

Oboe

Enric Tudela

Clarinet

Carles Pertegaz

Basson

Clara Canimas

Trumpet

Àlex Baiget

Tube 1

Pau Valls

Tube 2

Joan Camps

Trombone

Jordi Giménez

Tímpani

Marc Casas

Ballet

Mayaymara Behoteguy

Kevin Donaire

Gaspar Platini

Figuration:

Álvaro Durán

Cristina Sainz

Marta Mateu

Pau Sintes

Classical dancer

Dolça Gallego

Choreography classical dancer

Mariana Giustina Baravalle

Child figuration:

Olivia Maccor

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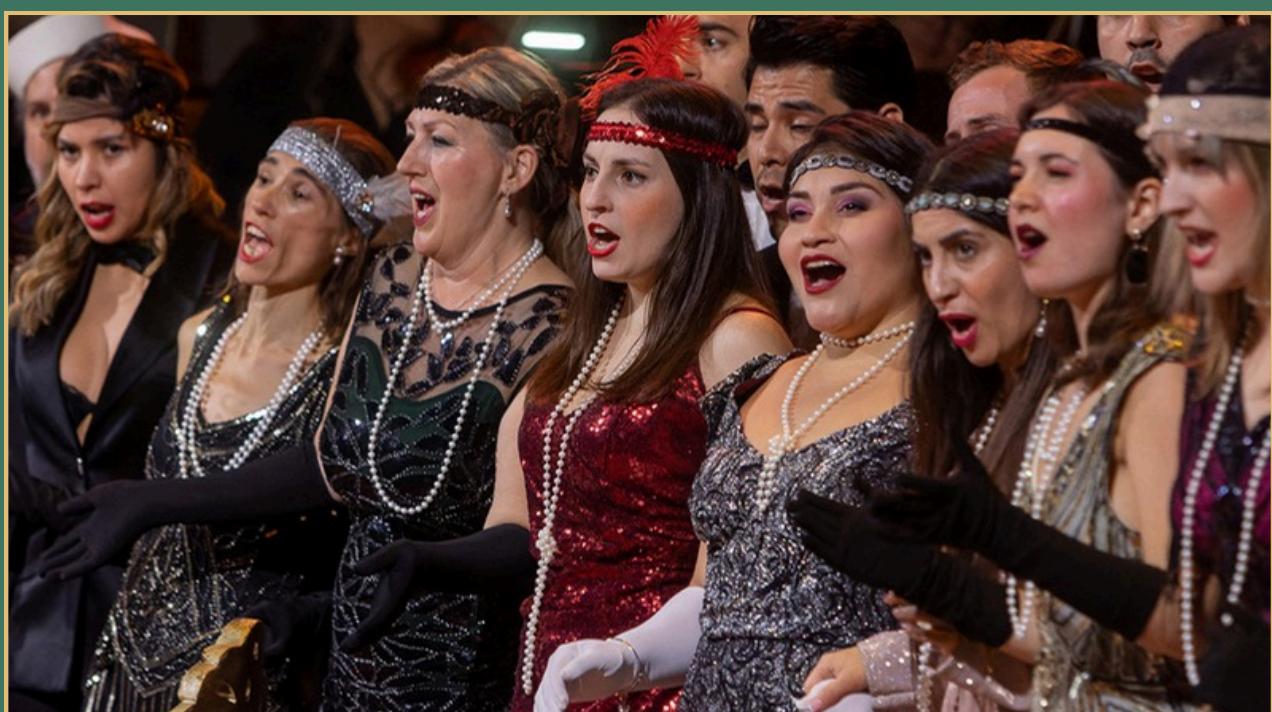
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ARGUMENT

With Rigoletto (1851) and Il Trovatore (1853), La traviata forms the trio of popular operas that consecrated Giuseppe Verdi once the "anni di galera" (the years of the galley) were over, as he called the years in which he sold his talent fulfilling commissions from the entrepreneurs of the most diverse opera houses in the world. Contrary to the expectations generated two years earlier by the premiere of Rigoletto, the premiere of La Traviata at La Fenice was a resounding failure. The composer, who had serious disagreements about the cast chosen by the management of the Teatro de la Fenice, returned years later to another theatre in Venice. And it was there, in San Benedetto, that the true triumph of this emblematic opera came. An operatic adaptation of La Dame Aux Camelias (The Lady of the Camellias) by Alexandre Dumas's son, Verdi's La Traviata has its origins in the life of a historical figure: the courtesan Marie Duplessis, who died of tuberculosis in Paris in 1847. Shortly before her death, Duplessis had a brief love affair with Alexandre Dumas fils, who transformed this personal episode into a largely autobiographical novel: The Lady of the Camellias, published in 1848. Given the success of the publication, Dumas quickly adapted the work for the stage.



The stage version of *La Dame aux Camélias* premiered at the Théâtre du Vaudeville in Paris on 2 February 1852. Giuseppe Verdi, who often drew inspiration from French theatre - his operas *Ernani* and *Rigoletto* were based on works by Victor Hugo - had already decided, just months after the premiere of *La Dame aux Camélias*, that he would use Dumas's work as the basis for the new opera he had been commissioned to write for the La Fenice theatre in Venice. Together with librettist Francesco Maria Piave, Verdi created one of the most naturalistic dramas of his career, an opera that did not avoid the moral and medical tensions of the original material, themes that he considered to be highly contemporary. Of the numerous stories of tubercular patients, who were at the same time easy-going and cheerful courtesans, two in particular have achieved universal fame: Mimì in *La Bohème* and Violetta in *La Traviata*. Of the latter, it is certainly known that it was inspired by a real character who suffered the classic death of a consumptive who fades away and wastes away day by day, with nothing stopping the fatal outcome. The last words in the diary of Marguerite Gautier—Dumas' character—clearly prove how she herself felt the progress of the disease: I am suffering horribly. I will die, my God... They have carried me home half dead. I have coughed and spat blood all night. Today I can no longer speak, I can hardly move my hand...



ACT I

The salons of the discreet mansion that Miss Violetta Veléry lives in Paris thanks to the generosity of her most ardent protector, Barone Douphol. An epicurean gentleman, possessor of a great fortune, the Baron is an unrepentant slave to the shady pleasures of the flesh. Thanks to his generosity, Violetta, a notorious demi-mondaine of great flight, offers a party to celebrate her recovery from a long illness. In a moment of malicious perversity, guests and ambiguous friends wonder if the hostess is really in a condition to drink champagne and host a party. A crude imitation in revenge of the soirées offered by the dignified ladies of Parisian high society, at Violetta's party, bankers, aristocrats, diplomats and high gentlemen mingle in democratic perversion with questionable dancers, easy, out-of-work seamstresses, unemployed soldiers and other cats of various stripes. In a place of honour are the hostess's best friends: Gaston, Alfredo's close friend, Marchese D'Obigny and Flora - a renowned madam who lives at his expense - and the indispensable Doctor Grenvil, a renowned urologist who has cured Violetta. At the beginning of the event, Gaston introduces Alfredo Germont to Violetta. They fall in love immediately. After the toast, the guests move on to another room to continue the entertainment, leaving them alone. Alfredo remains in the drawing room. After helping Violetta, who has fainted, Alfredo reveals his love for her, but Violetta, who "does not know how to love", urges him to be just friends; more lovers. After the party, after making Violetta swear a commitment to a new date, Alfredo leaves with the rest of the guests. Alone, in a very sad emotional delirium, Violetta forbids herself to reciprocate the love that Alfredo had revealed to her before, in order to return to being herself, the Violetta who only wants to enjoy the paths of pleasure. Meanwhile, from afar, she feels Alfredo singing in the...

*To that love which is the heartbeat of the entire universe,
Mysterious, proud, Cross and delight of the heart.*

ACT II

Scene 1

After a while, Violetta has finally given in and they have retired to live their love in the country. Far from the frivolous world of Paris, Violetta has given up luxuries and parties, lovers and protectors. Alfredo feels radiant and confesses, in a monologue to the audience, his happiness. The sudden appearance of Annina, Violetta's faithful servant, who returns from Paris, shatters his happiness. The woman admits that Violetta has ordered her to sell all her possessions to get the money she needs so that they can continue living together in the country. Ashamed and worried to discover that he has been Violetta's supporter all this time, blaming himself for the situation, Alfredo rushes to Paris, determined to undo the deals that Annina has made with the usurers. Then, Alfredo's father arrives. Germont asks him to sacrifice himself for the good of his son, to abandon him for the good of his family and his reputation. Stunned at first, Violetta refuses to give in to the situation, seeking refuge in her fatal illness to justify herself. Finally, Germont's insistence succeeds in overcoming the weak subterfuges of a poor woman in love who knows she is condemned to death. However, Violetta begs for one last condition. Germont swears that, when time passes and she is no longer there, he will reveal the secret and Alfredo will know the great sacrifice that Violetta has made for him by renouncing her love. Left alone, just when Violetta has finished writing her letter in which she says goodbye to him, Alfredo arrives from Paris. Aware of the proximity of her death, Violetta, who truly loves Alfredo, reluctantly flees forever. From then until the end of the act, the situation accelerates. Germont returns to convince Alfredo to return to his land, in Provence, to his home. Disdaining him, unaware of the terrible sacrifice Violetta has made for him, Alfredo glances by chance on the table and finds Flora's invitation.

ALFREDO.—Ah, he went to the party!

I will go and avenge the insult! (He flees hastily.) GERMONT.—What are you saying? Stop! (He follows him.)

ACT II

Scene 2

The same guests at Violetta's party in the first act now fill the voluptuous salons of Flora in Paris. However, the tacit convention, the courtesy and the bad smell have been lost. The inexperienced seamstresses and the bearded soldiers have begun to pervert. The gentlemen smoke and drink copiously, play Pinochle and another mercenary card game of love. Between moves, to regain strength, the assiduous devotees organize sycophantic theatrical soirees, masquerades performed by the pupils and the ruffians. The first one they present is a classic: the gypsy girls of good fortune frivolously with the Marquis. Then there is an unexpected novelty: the presentation into society of the young dancer Felix Garcia, a child discovered in Madrid by Diaghilev. After the celebrated and parody performance, Alfredo's surprise appearance - practically at the same time as the entrance of Violetta and Baron Douphol - causes a great stir - all of Paris is aware of the separation. Trying to reduce the tension, Flora orders the game to begin. Alfredo and Douphol face each other at the gambling table and Alfredo wins a fortune at the Baron's. At a signal from Flora - who distributes the scene like a croupier at the game - to break the tension that the situation arouses, a footman announces dinner.



(In a similar way to *Oro via, giuocar si puó*, the phrase: *La cena è pronta* —which, pronounced with depraved complicity with the guests, the footman turns into *la "scena" è pronta*— reveals the subtle perversity underlying the stage director's conception. Undaunted and condescending transgression, this nuance of dubious polysemy transforms Flora's party into a scabrous and perverse game orchestrated to satisfy the curiosity of a sinister group of voyeurs childishly plagiarized from an apocryphal and improbable *Le cote de Charlus*. Transgressing the intimacy between Violetta and Alfredo, cruelly exposing them to the expectant gossip of the guests, would be the culmination sought by the masquerades that the organizers of the refined kermesse have proposed.) When, at the footman's call, the guests withdraw, leaving the former lovers alone. Alfredo mocks Violetta, who, keeping her promise, claims to be in love with Baron Douphol. In a fit of rage, Alfredo calls the guests to witness the mockery. In front of everyone, he publicly accuses Violetta of being a whore and throws in her face the money she has earned at the Baro as payment for the time they lived together. Germont, who until now has hidden among the guests - unable to control himself in the face of the ignominy - reveals himself and reprimands his son for his despicable behaviour. Outraged, Baron Douphol challenges Alfredo to a duel to the death, to cleanse his honour of the affront.



ACT III

On Carnival Tuesday, a cold, whitish light sneaks in, insensible, into the luxurious hall of the first act, now eight and dismantled, agonizing. Only a few months have passed since Flora's party. Lost, banished - and alone, if it were not for the mercy of the faithful Annina - Violetta is at death's door. The constant doctor Grenvil arrives to inject the sick woman with a dose of morphine to make her agony more pleasant. Terrified by Violetta's physical deterioration, the doctor confesses to the servant that the young woman only has a few hours left to live. In the midst of the agony, momentarily recovering, without hope, Violetta rereads a letter from Germont in which he confesses that he broke the promise by revealing to his son Violetta's pain when she left him, making it seem that she did not love him, so that she could start an honorable life. In the letter, Germont warns Violetta of Alfredo's imminent visit to see her to ask for forgiveness. But Violetta, dying and overcome with grief, no longer harbors any hope. She is certain that it is too late and that she will die before Alfredo arrives. When Alfredo arrives, Violetta feels the hope of love frantically reborn. Violetta's illusion subsists briefly in Alfredo's desperate arms, yearning, subjected to the agonizing agony of consumption, only as long as death greedily grants her.

*Goodbye, beautiful smiling dreams of the past, The roses of your face are already pale;
I also miss Alfredo's love, Consolation, support of the tired soul Ah, smile at the desire of the lost;
Oh, forgive her; welcome her, O God, now it is all over.
Joys, sorrows will soon come to an end, The grave is the limit of everything for mortals!
My grave will have no tears or flowers, no cross with a name to cover these bones!
Ah, he smiles at the traviata's desire;
Oh, forgive her; welcome her, O God! Now it is all over!*

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

A Traviata for Marcel Proust

Proust was already understood in *La traviata*, fifty years before publishing *À la recherche du temps perdu*, and in the passionate vehemence of Dumas the younger in *La Dame aux Camelias*; how Shakespeare was implicit in Euripides and Sophocles; and Palladius was rooted in the conception of the Parthenon. The theory of Big Think maintains that the present, the past and the future exist simultaneously: time lacks flux. This effect, decisive in the arts of fiction, transforms the Opera into an unattainable four-dimensional conglomeration of time-space that contains, simultaneously, all the things that happen, that happened and that will happen. In the shadow of Balzac, Flaubert and Zola, in the friendly impressionist imaginary of the opulent Paris of Napoleon III, Proust's hagiographic *Traviata* reveals to us - with the surreptitious rotundity of Courbet's *L'origine du monde* - a cruel demi-mondaine repertoire that reaches the plenitude of expressionism in the exhaustive and exorbitant descriptions of the asthmatic inhabitant of number 102 Boulevard Hausmann. The general madness provoked by the armistice of the First World War turns Paris into a party, shortly before his death. Devoid of the original morality, of the formal servitudes that determine romanticism, the shamelessness of the characters acquires the surgical precision of the insolent and lewd realism latent in the novel. The madness of passions and pleasures that takes hold of the twenties defines, with the precision of an X-ray, the merciless refinements of the adulterated salons of Flora Berboixo. Morality having been ostentatiously banished publicly, the salons of the harlots adopt a derisory, insubstantial and puerile pomp, which shamelessly parodies the inaccessible hierarchy of the domestic habits of a bourgeoisie to which they yearn to join. With coarse language and attitude, in the crowded salons of the demi-mondaines, an element of revenge is tempered towards the ostensible contempt and frank hostility that the respectable ladies of Saint-Germain inflict on the upstart aspirations of the more opulent meuques.

Friendships - maintained by their lovers, who share boxes, fashions, jewelers, shoes, hats and accessories, footmen, coachmen and even the exclusive models that Mariano Fortuny's son paints on the fabric of dresses - are shamelessly abandoned in a sarcastic, often buffoonish imitation of courtesy, of the traditional bel spirit of the salons of the great aristocratic families. Worldly forms and ways are parodied with the deliberately clumsy and burlesque impetus that reigns in the spurious demi-monde salons of the great prostitutes. While an unrepentant Charlus roasts his fougandas assisted by the skilful sodomitic science of Jupien, the malicious pantomimes, the malicious masquerades and the burlesque dances of the madams' salons obtain democratic status by conquering the humble stages of the Rive Gauche in the cabaret genre. Libertinism, the only plausible objective of the characters in transit, invades the salons like a fog impossible to vent. Love is unfathomable; death is the only merciful - and absurd - way out granted to the victim, Violetta, practically a stranger; perhaps one of those helpless seamstresses, or one of those unlucky dancers from the hospice, who reached the level of harlot once they fainted in the Duke of Germantes' carriage.



The clues almost never manifest themselves as measurable or significant in the subtle inconsistency that sustains the fiction. Their insignificance in the course of the unalterable events of the plot allows us to speculate chimerically about Violetta's ambiguous and dark past, to imagine where her foreseeable end is born, what conditions her inescapable destiny obeys. As part of a spurious hagiography, we can imagine Violetta as one more among those poor hospice workers of the Hôpital de la Pitié-Salpêtrière that welcomed the babies that prostitutes abandoned in the churches of Paris. In the hospice - absurd nonsense - they taught the children to dance. The luckiest ones swelled the distinguished ranks of the Royal dancers, of the Palais Garnier, or of the numerous opera buffa, variety or cabaret theatres that, from the 19th century onwards, began to populate the glittering streets of the Rive Droite. The less fortunate were often domestic servants, butlers, valets de chambre, or chauffeurs, as Alfred Agostinelli was for Proust; the girls worked as ironers, laundresses, or dressmakers. Some considered it a stroke of luck that a wealthy gentleman would retire them for their exclusive service; as Proust describes of Odette, a modest actress in her early youth, later given to free love, and later wife of Swan. Love is an inevitable, painful, and fortuitous illness; death, a refined perversion in the most depraved city in the world, hovers surreptitiously, hidden like an unspeakable and secret sin, on the sick breast of Violetta, one of those girls in the hospice who never learned to dance.

Jaume Villanueva.
December 2022.

CURRICULUMS



Josep Miquel Mindàn *conductor*

Born in Igualada on October 28, 1983, he began his musical studies at the Igualada School of Music at the age of five. He holds a diploma in Music Education from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and studied choral conducting at the ESMUC, working with Mireia Barrera, Josep Vila, and Johan Duijck.

In 2008, he began his conducting studies at the Wien Konservatorium Privatuniversität in Vienna, where he worked with Georg Mark, David Aronson, and Guido Mancusi. He furthered his education through masterclasses with Pierre Cao, Jordi Mora, Antoni Ros Marbà, Alexander Joel, and Manuel Hernández Silva.

As a choral conductor, he has taken part in productions such as *Le nozze di Figaro* (2008), *Die Zauberflöte* (2009), *Suor Angelica* (2010), and *Dialogues des Carmélites* (2011). The final concert of his studies, held on May 14, 2012, at the Radiokulturhaus with the Slowakische Philharmonie Orchestra, received the highest distinctions.

He is currently the musical director of the Jove Orquestra Simfònica d'Anoia, the Simfònica Tekhné, the Contrapunt Vocale Choir, and the Coral Ginesta. In the operatic field, he has conducted *Il trovatore* and *La traviata* with Operavia of Vienna, as well as *La traviata*, *La bohème*, and *The Magic Flute* at the Palau de la Música Catalana.

He has conducted, among others, the Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès, the Orquesta Ciudad de Elche, the Wien Konservatorium Orchestra, the Slowakische Philharmonie, the Orquestra de Girona, the Wiener Tonkunstvereinigung, Neues Atelier Wien, the Orchestra of the Reial Cercle Artístic de Barcelona, the Camerata Eduard Toldrà, the Orquestra Terrassa 48, and OTEM (Orquestra Terres de Marca). In the choral field, he has directed the Wiener Kammerchor as assistant conductor, the Cor Anton Bruckner de Barcelona, the Cor de Noies Exaudio, the Choram Publico of Vienna, and the Cor Albada of the Cor Madrigal association.





Jaume Villanueva *staging*

A graduate in acting from the Institut del Teatre in Barcelona, he is a director and playwright; actor, adjuster and dubbing director; and director and scriptwriter for radio and television. He made his directorial debut in 1982 with *Zoo Story*, by Edward Albee, translated by Terenci Moix.

That same year he won the Adrià Gual National Award for the best directing project for *La desaparecida de Wendy*, by Josep M. Benet i Jornet, starring Martí Galindo and Loles León, a great success with the public and critics in Madrid and Barcelona. Unable to come up with any mercenary strategy that would make him prosper, he only directs when he feels intimately involved in the works that he is passionate about. *Amor a medias*, by Allan Aikbourn; *El superviviente*, by Manuel Vázquez Montalbán; *La voz humana*, by Jean Cocteau; *Carpa Barcelona* (which he directed under the obligation of Mario Gas for the Cultural Olympiad); *Tirante lo Blanco*; *1789, La Revolución*, for Catalunya Ràdio, are some of his most personal productions. In 2005, thanks to the unforgettable friendship of J. Arias Velasco, he founded Octubre Teatral, perhaps the most brilliant stage of his controversial theatrical career. With *Belisa*, by Federico G. Lorca, which earned him a nomination for Best Visiting Director by the Association of Entertainment Critics of New York (ACE); after an acclaimed national tour and a brilliant season at the Teatro Español, the play is on an extensive international tour; it is worth highlighting the extraordinary reception in theatres in the United States and Mexico, where it opened the Cervantino Festival.

El llanto, another Lorca play performed in such emblematic theatres as The Carnival in Miami, La Barraca in Lisbon, Teatro Poliorama in Barcelona, or Teatro Español in Madrid where it had a brilliant season; unanimously acclaimed by the public and international critics, it has been a finalist for the Max Awards (2009 and 2010).

José Arias Velasco's La Vampira del Raval with music by Albert Guinovart, one of the most beloved shows by the Barcelona public, won five Butaca Awards and a Max for best musical composition. Curro el Palmo's Romance, conceived from Serrat's song; a portrait of immigrant charnega Barcelona is his most unusual show: premiered at the Grec Festival in Barcelona, with Nacho Blanco, Quiqui Morente and Antonio Canales, considered, among experts, one of the best flamenco musicals of all time, closes, for now, the Octubre Teatral journey. Founder of Ópera Popular de Barcelona, thanks to Cristina Raventós, he currently stages operas with total happiness.





Terrassa 48 Chamber Orchestra

Founded in its current form and philosophy in 2000, the ensemble has given a great boost and dissemination of music for string orchestra formation with programs that combine great research and proximity.

OCT48 has performed concerts throughout Catalonia and Spain, has collaborated in important symphonic and choral productions and has made recordings for the labels Ars Harmònica, Ma de Guido, the Catalan Radio and Television Corporation and the Robert Gerhard Center.

With the aim of encouraging knowledge and enthusiasm for classical music among the youngest, OCT48 has carried out numerous pedagogical initiatives. Highlights include its direct work in the “open rehearsal” project and its own children’s shows “Telemann and the story of Don Quixote”; “Handel’s Button”; “Popoff, a clueless composer” and “Hartmann’s Paintings”, which have been programmed in venues all over Catalonia.

They also highlight collaborations with directors such as L. Heltay, J. Vila, M. Barrera, X. Puig, M. Thomas, B. Sargent, G. Comellas or J. Prats; soloists with M. Pintó, G. Claret, J. Domènech, D. Ligorio, V. Bronevetzky, M. Hinojosa, A. Pillai, A. Ventura, J. Palomares, I. Monar, A. Malikian, C. Arimany, D. Brlek. or K. Glesteen and groups such as the Cantiga Choir, Sant Jordi Choir, Enric Granados Choir, the Chamber Choir of the Catalan Orchestra and Kimbala Percussions, among many others.



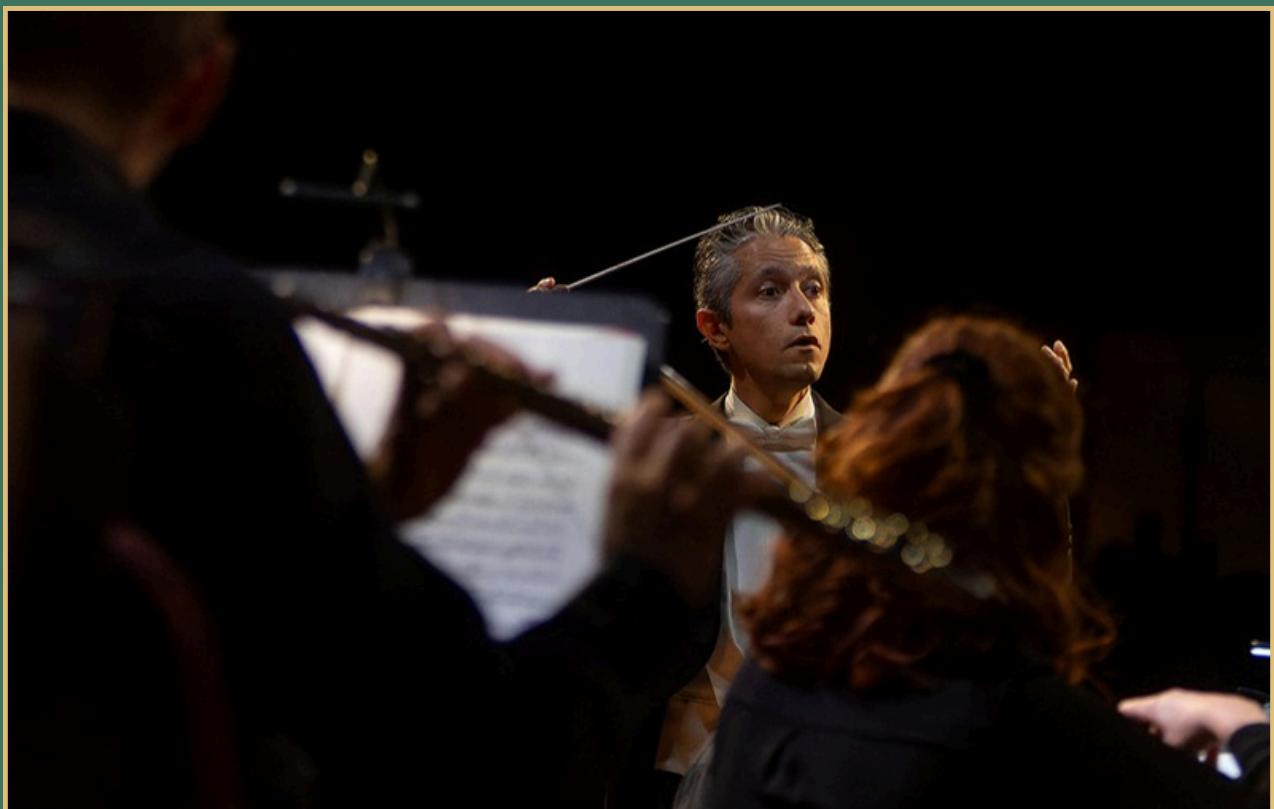
Quim Térmens *concertino*

The OCT48 is directed from the violin by Quim Térmens, a musician from Sabadell who received his first violin training from Ofelia Rodrigo and later studied with the violinist and teacher Gonçal Comellas with whom he received his musical training and completed his higher education.

He has also received master classes from violinists Arkadi Futer and Michel Barta. He has been awarded, among others, the First Prize for the Arts (in the 20th century music section, Xavier Montsalvatge Prize) granted by the Generalitat de Catalunya. During his career he has promoted the dissemination and knowledge of works written for strings and is currently a reference in this field. He has been a member of the Chamber Orchestra of the Palau de la Música Catalana and the Gonçal Comellas Chamber Orchestra. He is currently doing his most chamber work in the Arcattia project with concerts throughout the country and Costa Rica and has been awarded, among others, the Xavier Montsalvatge Prize. Author of several children's shows such as Popoff, a clueless composer, Los cuadros de Hartmann, Historias de Tumbuktú, El botón de Haendel y Telemann and the history of Don Quixote; he is also the author of various compositions for student string orchestras.

In the field of teaching he has trained with personalities such as Sheila Nelson, Vaartan Manoogian and Mimi Zweig and is the author of several children's shows.

He teaches at the Vic Conservatory of Music as a violin teacher and director of its string orchestras. He has been invited to give talks on pedagogy, as a jury member for instrumental and chamber competitions, as director of youth orchestra meetings, and as a violin teacher at the Principality of Andorra International Music Course. He is also currently the artistic director of the BBVA Festival of Religious Music in Vic.





Pablo Morales *choir director*

Born in Barcelona, he began his musical training at the Escolanía de Montserrat, where he began studying singing, piano and oboe. He studied conducting, specialising in orchestra, at the Conservatorio Superior del País Vasco (Musikene). His conducting teachers have been Xavier Puig, Arturo Tamayo and Jon Malaxetxebarria.

During his training years, he has been part of numerous choirs, such as the National Youth Choir of Catalonia, the Orfeón Donostiarra, the Bilbao Opera Choir, Conductus Ensemble or the Bach Collegium Barcelona. During this time, he has had the opportunity to learn from the best international conductors, singing under the direction of Simon Rattle or Tugan Sokiev, among others. He has also worked under the direction of great Catalan conductors such as Salvador Mas, Josep Pons, Manel Valdivieso or Lluís Vilamajó.

His training is notable for the mastery of the répétiteur and vocal coach Maciej Pikulski, who trained him in operatic work with singers and the specific issues of this profession.

As part of his training, he collaborated as a pianist-répétiteur in the conservatory's opera productions, learning about the process of dramatic construction and stage direction in a practical way.

He is currently co-director, together with Miquel Villalba, of the Chorus of the Popular Opera of Barcelona. He is also director of the female choir Exaudio, of Igualada, and of the Ecumenical Choir of Barcelona. He has been assistant director of the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Vallès.



Montse Miralles costume design

27/03/1956 - 13/03/2024. Head of costumes for the family business Rafató Teatre. He has studied with Carlo Gandolfo, John Strasberg, James de Paul, Dominique de Fazio, Bob MacAndrew, Eduardo Daulte. Diction and verse with: Esteve Polls and Salvador Oliva. Meisner technique with Javier Galito-Cava. Master of Chamber Music (Luis Gimeno, Carlos Manzanares, Carmen Utrilla and Laura Caballero). Voice, singing and music at the Liceu Conservatory, Alfonso Miró, Lidia González, Hellen Gallagher, Paul Farrington (Voice Craft), Cristine Adaire (Met. Linklater), Coralina Paloma. In the theatre we have seen him in Witness for the Prosecution (Teatro del Raval), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nau Ivanow), Mr. Esteve's Note (T. Romea), Fiddler on the Roof (Madrid and Barcelona), The Lady in Love (T. Lliure), In the Burning Darkness (Mexico, Israel, Madrid, Barcelona), Under the Milky Wood, The Raise (Griego and Teatreneu), Ram de Mar (TNC), Lady Windermere's Fan (TNC). In film and television: Heirs of the Earth, Tros, Acacias 38, Explain to me, As if it were yesterday, Appointments, Red bracelets, Operation Malaya, The one that is coming, Central Hospital, Porca Miseria, Wind of the Plan, In fashion, Transfuge, La Mary, Labyrinth of shadows, Maki Navaja, La Monyos, By profession API, All false, Ready to wear, You judge, Mr. Esteve's note, The imaginary planet, Doctor Caparrós, Sinister sect, Sexual inclination in the nude, Stray dogs II, Patricia's wet dreams, Playing father, The bingo players, What a mess they've gotten me into. Actress, director and adapter of dialogues in dubbing. She has also lent her voice to stories and commercials.



Aseel Massoud
soprano
Violetta Valery

Syrian lyric soprano Aseel Massoud began singing traditional Syrian music at an early age. In 2009 she started her vocal training under the renowned soprano Arax Chikijian. She has been living in Barcelona for years, where she completed her professional studies with Meritxell Olaya and graduated from the Conservatori Superior del Liceu in 2023 under Carmen Bustamante, later completing a Master's in Performance in 2024.

Her talent has earned her numerous international awards, including: Winner of the InterContinental Music Awards (Hollywood, Los Angeles, 2025); First Prize at the International Golden Soloist Competition (Vienna, 2025); Second Prize at the Josep Mirabent i Magrans Competition (Sitges, 2024); First Prize at Verão Clássico (Lisbon, 2024); Audience Award and Soloist Mozart Requiem Prize at Taranto Opera Festival (Italy, 2023); Special Prize at Corsica Lirica International Competition (France, 2022); Audience Choice Award at the Bel Canto Gala (Sant Cugat, 2022); "Figura Internacional" Award at UOK Syria (2023); Winner of the 3rd ImpulsACIMC Award for emerging professional performers in Catalonia (2024), and Representative of the Classical Singing Department at the Conservatori del Liceu Extraordinary Awards (2023).



Olha Svidka
mezzsoprano
Flora

She is a Ukrainian-trained lyric singer and vocal pedagogue based in Barcelona. She holds a degree in Musical Arts and Pedagogy from the National Music Academy of Ukraine and completed advanced studies in opera performance and vocal repertoire at the Liceu Conservatory and in Barcelona.

She was awarded the Second Prize at the XV "Ciudad de Trujillo" International Vocal Competition (2011) and combines an active international performing career with extensive teaching experience in Spain and Peru.

She has been a member of the chorus of the Gran Teatre del Liceu, as well as NovaRia Artists at the Palau de la Música Catalana and the Fundació Òpera a Catalunya. She has also collaborated with choirs and philharmonic ensembles in Ukraine and Peru.

Her repertoire includes major symphonic and operatic works such as Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Carmen, Il Barbiere di Siviglia, La Cenerentola and Idomeneo. She has performed in Ukraine, Russia, Estonia, Switzerland, Spain and the United States.



Sara García
soprano
Annina

A singing and piano teacher, she completed her Higher Degree in lyrical singing at the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music. She obtained a Master's degree in vocal interpretation of classical and contemporary music at the Liceu Superior Conservatory and a Postgraduate degree in Musical Education at the Liceu Superior Conservatory.

She has performed the roles of Third Lady in Mozart's The Magic Flute, Emilia in Verdi's Otello (as a substitute), Hata in Smetana's The Bartered Bride, Contessa Rossina D'Almaviva in Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro (as a substitute), Floria Tosca in Puccini's Tosca (as a substitute) and Anita in Bernstein's West Side Story. Since 2023 he has participated as a reinforcement in the Chorus of the Gran Teatre del Liceu.



Facundo Muñoz
tenor
Alfredo Germont

The Hispanic-Argentinian tenor Facundo Muñoz graduated in Córdoba (Argentina) with the title of Professor of Vocal Performance. He also holds solid acting training, having specialized in theatre techniques and laboratory theatre in the same city.

He has performed the roles of Cavaradossi in *Tosca*, Don Gil in *Don Gil de Alcalá*, and Fernando in *Doña Francisquita*, as well as Don José in *Carmen*, Rodolfo in *La Bohème*, Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly*, Alfredo in *La Traviata*, and Tamino in *The Magic Flute*, among others. In the zarzuela repertoire, he has sung Javier in *Luisa Fernanda*, Leandro in *La tabernera del puerto*, Gustavo in *Los Gavilanes*, and Roberto in *Bohemios*.

He has appeared in Argentina, Colombia, Italy, France, Germany, and Spain, working with conductors such as José Miguel Pérez-Sierra, Guerasim Voronkov, Oliver Díaz, and Roberto Gianolla, on stages including the Gran Teatre del Liceu, the Teatro Antico di Taormina, the Auditorio Nacional and Teatro Real in Madrid, the Teatro Campoamor in Oviedo, the Palau de la Música Catalana, and the Teatro Metropolitano in Medellín, among many others.

His upcoming engagements include Eloi in *Cançó d'amor i de guerra*, Paolo in *La Dogaresa*, and Lamparilla in *El barberillo de Lavapiés*.



Lluís Sintes
baritone
Giorgio Germont

Born in Mahón, on the island of Menorca, he made his debut at the Gran Teatre del Liceu in 1992 with *La Traviata*, where he has far exceeded one hundred performances, including the reopening gala with the monumental *Turandot* directed by Núria Espert.

He has made his debut with success at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Holland, as well as in France, Italy, Andorra, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela, Peru, Japan and China. He has also sung at the Auditorium of Barcelona, Palau de la Música Catalana, at the Sabadell opera house and in the Opera Cycle in Catalonia throughout the Principality. He has also performed in Madrid, Malaga, Granada, Tenerife, Valencia, San Sebastian, Bilbao, Palma, among other auditoriums and theaters in Spain. He has been conducted by such prestigious conductors as Richard Bonynge, Von Dohnany, Ros Marban, Uwe Mund, Franz Paul Decker, Salvador Brotons, Giuliano Carella, Bertrand de Billy, Josep Pons, among others. His discography includes the works *Turandot*, *Carmen*, *El Paraíso de las Montañas*, *Contranoche*, *Oda en Verdaguer*, García Lorca, *Hamlet*, *Manon*, *De la tierra latina* (published in Japan), *Requiem de Benguerel*, *El Timbaler del Bruc*, *Ave Maria* (with the great Mahón Organ), *Urbe*, *Música para Delfos*, *La Creación*. Through record labels such as Columna Música, EMI-Classics, Naxos, TDK, RTVE-Musica, TWO-Corporation, Discmedi-Azul, Virgin-Classics.



Roberto Redondo tenor Gastone

The Spanish tenor Roberto Redondo-Sainz began his vocal career in the chorus of the Ópera de Oviedo while studying Conducting. He started his vocal training at the HKU Utrechts Conservatorium with Selma Harkink and Karin van der Poel. In the Netherlands he performed the Servus in Bach's Johannes-Passion and Ahab in Mendelssohn's Elijah. He obtained his Master's Degree in Performance from the Conservatori del Liceu in Barcelona in 2025 under the guidance of Carlos Chausson, performing Nemorino in Donizetti's L'elisir d'amore. He has collaborated with the resident choruses of the Gran Teatre del Liceu, Teatro Real, Dutch National Opera, Ópera de Oviedo and FOC. He made his debut with Ópera Popular de Barcelona as Gastone in La Traviata, and with FOC he sang Benvolio in Gounod's Roméo et Juliette and Abdallo in Verdi's Nabucco. He is also active in recital, performing a broad repertoire ranging from German Lied to the Italian and Spanish song traditions.



Alex Chelet
baritone
Barone Douphol

Alejandro Chelet was born in La Pobla de Vallbona (Valencia). He graduated from the Municipal Music Conservatory of Barcelona, obtaining the title of Honorable Mention in the specialty of singing. In 2021 he was awarded in the “XXV Edition of the Professionalization Course” from the Sabadell Opera School of the opera The Barber of Seville by G. Rossini.

As a soloist he has performed Dr. Bartolo in Il Barbiere di Siviglia with LG Artist Management on tour in Spain.

He recently played Il Comisario Imperiale in G. Puccini's Madama Butterfly in a production by the Fundació Òpera Catalunya.

Barone Douphol also made his debut in the opera La Traviata and Dancaire and Morales in the opera Carmen at the Palau de la Música Catalana.



Néstor Pindado
bass
Marchese d'Obigny

From Terrassa, trained at the Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya with Lambert Climent in ancient music, made his debut at the Barcelona Auditorium in 2014 and at the Palau de la Música Catalana and the Castell de Peralada Festival in 2015. In 2018 he won second prize in the international lyrical competition "Hermanos Plano, city of Balaguer". His musical interest ranges from medieval music to contemporary classical music, with genres as diverse as lied, opera, oratorio and polyphony. With a warm, deep and velvety voice, he has collaborated with both small-format ensembles and with larger formations in the main concert halls and theatres in the country and Europe, among which we can highlight the Gran Teatro del Liceo or the Teatro Real, the Auditorio Nacional, and festivals such as the Utrecht Early Music Festival or the OFF Liceo Contemporary Music Festival. Among the projects of 2019 is the participation in Madama Butterfly at the Royal Opera.



Danil Sayfullin
bass
Dottor Grenvil

The Russian bass Danil Sayfullin graduated from the Samara State Academy of Art and Culture (Russia) and obtained his Master's degree in Singing at the Conservatori Superior de Música del Liceu in Barcelona, studying with Eduard Giménez and Dolors Aldea. He has furthered his training with renowned teachers such as Carlos Chausson, Raquel Pierotti, Francesca Roig, Roberto Accurso and María Gallego.

His operatic roles include Don Giovanni (Don Giovanni), Figaro (Le Nozze di Figaro), Germont (La Traviata), Escamillo (Carmen), Silvio (I Pagliacci), Belcore (L'elisir d'amore), Schaunard (La Bohème), Valentin (Faust) and Alfio (Cavalleria Rusticana), among others.

He has performed with companies such as Òpera Popular de Barcelona, Òpera de Sabadell, Òpera de Sant Cugat, Òpera de Tarragona, Òpera de Figueres and the Festival Castell de Peralada, and has appeared at major venues including the Auditori de Barcelona, Palau de la Música Catalana and Gran Teatre del Liceu.

He has worked with conductors such as Josep Miquel Mindán, Daniel Gil de Tejada, Jaume Villanueva, Jofre Bardólet and Daniel Mestre. His warm, expressive voice and strong stage presence have made him one of the most interesting baritones of his generation within the Catalan operatic scene.

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