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HARRISON PARROTT

Lilli Paasikivi

Mezzo-soprano

Lilli Paasikivi is one of the world's leading interpreters of the Mahler song-cycles and symphonies. Appearances have included *Das Lied von der Erde* and *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* with the Los Angeles Philharmonic (Salonen); Symphony No. 2 with the Royal Swedish Philharmonic Orchestra (Oramo); Symphony No. 3 with the London Symphony Orchestra (Paavo Järvi); Symphony No. 8 with the Berliner Philharmoniker (Rattle); *Kindertotenlieder* with the New World Symphony (Tilson Thomas); and *Das Lied von der Erde* with London Philharmonic Orchestra (Elder). She made her debut with the New York Philharmonic in the world-premiere of Rodion Shchedrin's *The Enchanted Wanderer* returning for Mahler's Symphony No. 2 (Gilbert).

This season Lilli Paasikivi returns to the New York Philharmonic for performances of Verdi's Requiem under Alan Gilbert and to the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande performing a selection of songs by Alma Mahler under Neeme Järvi

Since making her debut with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berliner Philharmoniker as Fricka in the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence's production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, Wagnerian roles have become central to Lilli Paasikivi's work on stage with notable performances at La Monnaie (as Brangäne), Hamburgische Staatsoper (as Fricka) and Oper Frankfurt (as Kundry). For Finnish National Opera she has sung the additional roles of Carmen, Amneris and Eboli; and she made her house debuts at Opéra National de Lyon as Der Komponist (*Ariadne auf Naxos*) and at the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence in the world-premiere of Toshio Hosokawa's *Hanjo*.

Paasikivi's celebrated work on disc includes *The Dream of Gerontius* (under Ashkenazy); Beethoven's Symphony No.9 with the Gewandhausorchester Leipzig (under Chailly); Mahler's Symphony No. 3 with the Philharmonia Orchestra (under Zander); Mahler's Symphony No. 8 with the London Symphony Orchestra (under Gergiev); Sibelius' *Kullervo* (under Vänskä); and Alma Mahler's Complete Songs arranged and conducted by Jorma Panula.

Lilli Paasikivi is the Artistic Director of the Finnish National Opera. For more details please visit www.lillipaasikivi.com

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