



OLIVIA CLARKE – Conductor

British/Irish conductor **Olivia Clarke** is the current English National Opera Mackerras Fellow and is an Assistant Conductor at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. She recently jumped in at Cadogan Hall to conduct ENO Orchestra in an opera gala concert with National Opera Studio and the Opera Magazine wrote: “Among the rising stars at this showcase, none shone more brightly than the one who waved the baton.”

In autumn 2021 Olivia Clarke conducted a performance of Glyndebourne's new *Fidelio* production, whilst also covering and assisting and has been invited to rejoin Glyndebourne's musical staff again in autumn 2022 to assist and conduct multiple performances of *La Bohème*. Coming out of the British lockdown she conducted the Southbank Sinfonia in one of the first concerts with an audience at St. John Smith's Square. Next to her assistant work at the English National Opera she conducted a performance of ENO's new production of *Cunning Little Vixen* in their 21/22 season as well as a concert with the ENO Orchestra at St Martin-in-the-fields.

In summer 2022 she will be conducting Donizetti's *Rita* and Wolf-Ferrari's *il segreto di Susana* in IF opera's inaugural season and is part of the musical staff of the Longborough Festival Opera.

A recipient of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst scholarship for her conducting studies, Olivia Clarke trained at the International Conducting Academy Berlin, Universität der Künste, graduating in 2020. During her studies she conducted concerts with the Neubrandenburger Philharmonie, Hradec Králové Philharmonie, Magdeburgische Philharmonie, and Brandenburger Symphoniker who reinvited her immediately. She also jumped in at the Nordharzerstädtebundtheater to conduct Léhar's *Der Zarewitsch*.

Before moving to Berlin, Olivia Clarke completed her Masters in singing at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Clarke is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists and completed her Bachelors in Music with an Organ Scholarship at the Queen's College, University of Oxford.

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