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Erika Miklosa



The Queen of the Night – a Classical Music Soirée performed by Erika Miklósa.



Soprano Erika Miklósa, Principal Artist of the Metropolitan Opera in New York thrilled the distinguished black tie audience at the Consulate General of the Republic of Hungary in New York on April 21, 2005. Ambassador Dr. Gábor Horváth Consul General of the Republic of Hungary and Mrs. Gabriella Lonkai Horváth welcomed the invited guests to the evening's spectacular program, The Queen of the Night – a Classical Music Soirée. Mrs. Miklósa made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York this season, after performing the Queen of the Night in the major cities around the world including Paris and Zurich. She will return to the Metropolitan Opera again next season. Distinguished guests at the Consulate General of the Republic of Hungary included Mr. Robert Noble Deputy Consul General of Canada and his wife, Mrs. Janet Boyer, Mr. Péter Sárközy Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Hungary and his wife, Mrs. Aniko Sárközy, and Mr. Plácido Domingo, who came to hear Mrs. Miklósa perform.



Mrs. Miklósa is a stunning brown-eyed brunette Hungarian with an astonishing voice who captured the audience's attention with her voice as well as with her communicative facial expressions. The talented Mrs. Miklósa has appeared on international stages around the world, and has been performing with the Hungarian State Opera since 1990. She has won numerous awards, including being named Opera Singer of the Year in 1993, (Hungary), as well as winning 1st Prize in Voice in 1993 in the International Mozart Competition.

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The Queen of the Night program consisted of Gioacchino Rossini: Il barbiere di Siviglia Sinfonia, Giuseppe Verdi: I vespri I siciliani “Mercè, dilette amiche”, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Die Zauberflöte “Der Holle Rache”, Charles Gounod: Romeo et Juliette “Je veux vivre”, Léo Delibes: Lakmè “Ou va la jeune Hindoue”, Giacomo Meyerbeer: Dinorah “Ombre légère”, Giuseppe Verdi: Un ballo in maschera “super vorreste”, Kodály Z: A Csitári-hegyek alatt, and Johann Strauss: Die Fledermaus “Mein Herr Marquis” conducted by Mr. Miklós Harazdy, of the Hungarian State Opera. The program was a delightful mix of a live performance by Mrs. Miklósa and a recorded DVD where Mrs. Miklósa performed at a beautiful open-air concert at a castle outside of Budapest.



In a special tribute, Ambassador Dr. Gábor Horváth Consul General presented Ivan Saunders, Professor of Literature at Columbia University in New York, with a diploma and declaration for his contribution to Hungarian poetry and literature.

After the recital, there was a buffet dinner and wine tasting, from the award-winning Hungarian vineyard, Konyári Winery Balatonlelle www.konyari.hu who recently won two distinguished gold medals for their red wines. Mr. Konyári and his son, Daniel, flew to New York from Hungary especially for this event.

During the course of the reception the energetic and personable Mrs. Miklósa chatted with guests as well as posed for numerous photographs. Having had the pleasure of meeting her, it is very apparent that she enjoyed meeting the guests, as much as they enjoyed meeting her.

At the end of the evening, guests received Mrs. Miklósa’s commemorative album entitled, *Erika Miklósa Alternativa – Lyric & Coloratura Arias*, performed with the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted by Mr. Miklós Harazdy, which was made by special request for the recital at the Consulate General of Hungary on April 21, 2005. Please read Edward F. Nesta’s review of the album in the **Music Scene** section.



MALÁV Hungarian Airlines and the Hungarian Tourism Office in New York sponsored the event.

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