



## Katherine Broderick

Soprano

### WAGNER *Die Walküre*, RSNO, Davis, Edinburgh International Festival

Collectively and individually, the Valkyries sounded thrillingly intense and musically distinct: congratulations to Lee Bisset, Elaine McKrill, Jennifer Johnston, Claudia Huckle, Katherine Broderick, Madeleine Shaw, Judit Kutasi and Andrea Baker for nearly stealing the show.

*Andrew Clark, Opera, October 2017*

### WAGNER *Die Walküre*, Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe

Auch Katherine Broderick berührt als Sieglinde mit großer Legatokultur und feinen klangfarblichen Abstufungen. Die dramatischen Passagen nimmt sie mühelos und klar in der Phrasierung

Katherine Broderick is touching as Sieglinde with great legato and fine tonal gradations. She takes dramatic passages effortlessly and with clear phrasing.

*Georg Rudiger, Badische Zeitung, December 2016*

Katherine Broderick displayed exhilarating vocal security in Sieglinde's sweeping lines and also made eloquent use of the text ...

*Reiner Knäbel, Opera, April 2017*

### WAGNER *Lohengrin* (concert performances), Montpellier Opera

... nous avons été fasciné par la mobilité du visage et l'expressivité du regard de Katherine Broderick ... Comme la chanteuse se confond avec l'actrice on est simultanément ravi par cette voix homogène et souple, moelleuse et soyeuse ...Fragile, pudique et vibrant, le personnage est sous nos yeux, jusque dans sa stupeur, sa contrition et sa douleur finales, couronnant une interprétation admirable.

... we were fascinated by the mobility of Katherine Broderick's face and the expressiveness of her eyes ... As the singer is confused with the actress one is simultaneously delighted by this homogeneous and supple voice, soft and silky ... Fragile, modest and vibrant, the character gives, before our eyes, even in her stupor, final contrition and grief, an admirable interpretation.

*Maurice Salles, Forum Opera, 16 October 2016*

Katherine Broderick is a robust Sieglinde ...

*Shirley Apthorp, Financial Times, 13 December 2016*

### MAXWELL DAVIES *The Hogboon*, LSO, Rattle

...the generously Wagnerian Katherine Broderick.

*Christopher Webber, Opera, September 2016*

### CHANSON PERPETUELLE French Chamber Songs, Champs Hill

Her powers of expression, so vivid and telling on stage, communicate well in this rewarding recital disc of Gaubert, Berlioz, Debussy, Saint-Saëns, Chausson and Caplet...Broderick turns every song into a miniature drama, delivered with elegance of line, sensuality and sharp wit, well supported by her excellent colleagues.

\*\*\* *Fiona Maddocks, The Observer, 9 October 2016*

Broderick is well known on the operatic stage as Donna Anna and Brünnhilde, and her steely soprano and declamatory way with words serve her wonderfully well when it comes to Debussy and Ravel. She delivers 'Aoua' from the *Chansons madecasses* with blistering heft, and her no-frills way with the rest of the cycle makes it sexier and subtler than the suggestive approach favoured by some interpreters.

*Tim Ashley, Gramophone, November 2016*

**MENDELSSOHN A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, BBC SSO, Pintscher, BBC Proms**  
Katherine Broderick shone in a complete version of Mendelssohn's music for A Midsummer Night's Dream ...

\*\*\* *George Hall, The Guardian, 23 August 2016*

**MUSSORGSKY *Songs and Romances*, Stone records**

Broderick's soprano has Wagnerian power but she controls it well to produce gorgeous *pianos*. *Desire* and *Hebrew Song* find her scaling down her voice beautifully, while *Where are you, little star?* finds her caressing the vocal line tenderly. She can do wit too, and *Gathering Mushrooms* is full of the sort of peasant characterisation you'd find in *Boris Godunov*. ... Broderick's is a supremely accomplished account.

*Mark Pullinger, Gramophone, January 2016*

Katherine Broderick, while an accomplished young Strauss and Wagner soprano, favours nuance and expression against raw dramatic power, enhanced by bright tone and diction clearer than many native singers.

\*\*\* *Michael Scott Rohan, BBC Music Magazine, March 2016*

**ROSSINI *The Barber of Seville*, English National Opera**

...heartfelt...and her fine soprano added a welcome shine to the ensembles.

*Peter Reed, Opera, December 2015*

**WOLF *Complete Songs, Vol 8*, Stone records**

Best of all, Katherine Broderick's star bright soprano creates sensuous nocturnes of silent love in *Verschwiegene Liebe* and *Die Nacht*.

*Hilary Finch, BBC Music Magazine, March 2015*

***Anthems for a Doomed Youth*, Bath Mozartfest, The Myrthen Ensemble**

It might seem invidious to single out individual performances...but Hulett and Broderick brought the dialogue of a young soldier and his beloved at home vividly to life in Mahler's *Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen*...intense and moving programme.

*Hugh Canning, Sunday Times, 16 November 2014*

**BRITTEN *Owen Wingrave*, Opéra National de Lorraine, Nancy**

Katherine Broderick was a sumptuous Mrs Coyle...

*Francis Carlin, Opera Now, November 2014*

**ZEMLINSKY *Waldgespräch*, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, John Storgårds**

...the laser-like intensity of soprano Katherine Broderick's singing...

*Michael Tumelty, heraldscotland, 3 November 2014*

**STRAUSS *Vier letzte Lieder*, Queensland Symphony Orchestra**

Faithful to every detail of this complex and difficult score, the British soprano Katherine Broderick's voice has a combination of lyrical flexibility and emotional warmth that suits this music admirably. She sang the songs not as a grandiose valediction, in the manner of Jesse Norman for example, but with a fresh immediacy and wonder that brought their beautiful texts, by Hermann Hesse and Eichendorff, into a direct relationship with the audience. Many phrases, especially in the final song, *Im Abendrot* (sunset), were deeply touching in their liquid sensuousness.

*Nicholas Routley, Australian Stage, 21 July 2014*

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS *Sea Symphony*, Hallé Orchestra, Sir Mark Elder**

...an outstanding performance, one of the finest ever...Katherine Broderick the rapturous Wagnerian soprano...

\*\*\*\**Tim Ashley, The Guardian, 31 March 2014*

**BRITTEN *The Turn of the Screw*, London Symphony Orchestra, Richard Farnes, LSO Live recording**

Katherine Broderick unleashes her considerable soprano as the wretched Miss Jessel.

\*\*\*\**Opera Now Choice Francis Muzzo, Opera Now, May 2014*

Katherine Broderick gives a fully rounded performance as Miss Jessel, fleetly sung when she joins in on Quint's scampering music but so strong in her scene alone with the Governess that this becomes the focal point of the opera.

*William R. Braun, Opera News, April 2014*

Sally Matthews's passionate Governess and Katherine Broderick's thrilling Jessel are vividly characterised...

*Hugh Canning, The Sunday Times, 12 January 2014*

...the rest of the cast excels. Katherine Broderick's darker-toned Miss Jessel contrasts well with fellow soprano Sally Matthews.

*Malcolm Hayes BBC Music Magazine, February 2014*

**WAGNER *Die Walküre (Act 3)*, Philharmonia Orchestra, Sir Andrew Davis, Royal Festival Hall, London**

...standout contributions from Katherine Broderick's hearty Helmwig and Jennifer Johnston's imposing Waltraute.

*Neil Fisher, The Times, 24 May 2013*

Katherine Broderick's big sound stood out in an excitingly wild bunch of Valkyries.

*Martin Kettle, The Guardian, 23 May 2013*

**BRITTEN *The Turn of the Screw*, London Symphony Orchestra, Richard Farnes, Barbican Hall, London**

But tortured eloquence rang out from Katherine Broderick's magnificent Miss Jessel.

*Geoff Brown, The Times, 19 April 2013*

Katherine Broderick's gleaming Miss Jessel was excellent.

*Erica Jeal, The Guardian, 18 April, 2013*

Andrew Kennedy's mellifluous Quint and Katherine Broderick's strong Miss Jessel made a potent pair of ghosts.

*Richard Fairman, Financial Times, 18 April 2013*

The steely edge to Katherine Broderick's tone was used to great effect to suggest Miss Jessel's malevolence.

*Barry Millington, The London Standard, 17 April 2013*

#### **ROSSINI *The Barber of Seville*, English National Opera**

David Soar's youthful Basilio and Katherine Broderick's saucy Berta make strong impressions with their solos.

*Hugh Canning, The Sunday Times, 3 March 2013*

Katherine Broderick hovered mischievously as a knowing Berta, and unleashed some powerful top notes in the ensembles and her Act 2 aria.

*Hugo Shirley, Opera, May 2013*

#### **R STRAUSS, BERG, SCHOENBERG *Lieder*, Malcolm Martineau, Champs Hill recording**

Here's an irresistible recital...Katherine Broderick has just the voice and temperament to express these subtle and exciting shifts between innocence and experience, tonality and atonality...A sense of tenderness and vulnerability tempers the high brilliance of her soprano...her voice dances through *Nichts*. The *Seven Early Songs* of Berg see Broderick and Martineau creating a magical sense of tonal and poetic wandering...and Broderick finds darker tones and timbres for a *Nacht* of exquisite beauty. For Schoenberg's *Brettli-Lieder*, Broderick becomes entertainer supreme...

*Hilary Finch, BBC Music Magazine, February 2013*

A thoughtfully planned programme...In Strauss's early Op 10 *Lieder*, which she enterprisingly sings complete, she is as convincing in the lightly inflected humour of *Nichts* as she is in the lofty sadness of *Gedult*...detailed flexible singing...Broderick is equally engaging in the contrasting demands of Berg's *Seven Early Songs* and Schoenberg's cabaret-based *Brettli-Lieder*...and Broderick, with several Valkyries under her belt, rises to the post-*Tristan* ecstasy of *Nacht* and *Sommertage* generously...a judicious mix of not-too-brash bravado and playful sensuality makes this performance just the ticket.

*Richard Fairman, Gramophone, March 2013*

#### **VERDI *Requiem*, Orchestra of Opera North, Ryedale Festival**

The line-up of soloists was exceptionally good...the wonderful soprano, Katherine Broderick gave us a beautifully moving climax in the *Libera me*; suitably terrified, but with an unflinching strength...a very exciting experience.

*Charles Hunt, The York Press, 8 October 2012*

#### **WAGNER *Die Walküre*, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Anthony Pappano**

... the eight fearsome sisters (all well cast, especially Alwyn Mellor's Gerhilde and Katherine Broderick's Ortlinde)

*Neil Fisher, The Times, 1 October 2012*

**HONEGGER *Joan of Arc at the Stake*, London Symphony Orchestra, Marin Alsop**

...the soloists, both actors and singers were all very strong...there were fine contributions from Katherine Broderick and the tenor Paul Nilon.

*Neil Fisher, The Times, 7 November 2011*

**WAGNER *Die Walküre*, Hallé Orchestra, Sir Mark Elder**

Katherine Broderick was the outstanding member (Helmwige) of a ferocious team of Valkyries.

*Michael Kennedy, Opera, October 2011*

If Katherine Broderick (Helmwige) can continue to fling out Cs with such easy brilliance, she seems set to follow Bullock (Brünnhilde.)

*Anna Picard, The Independent, 24 July 2011*

And Katherine Broderick's Helmwige (a Brünnhilde in waiting) flamed out in the formidable lineup of Valkyries.

*Hilary Finch, The Times, 18 July 2011*

**BRITTEN *Complete Songs, Vol 1*, Malcolm Martineau, Onyx Classics recording**

...the soprano of Katherine Broderick brings by turns a forlorn beauty and a fiery plangency to the Pushkin settings of *The Poet's Echo*...this fine performance...

*Hilary Finch, BBC Musci magazine, August 2011.*

They are brilliantly performed by eight young singers. Katherine Broderick's *The Poet's Echo* is especially fine, her timbre appropriate to music composed for Vishnevskaya.

*Michael Kennedy, The Sunday Telegraph, 29 May, 2011*

...and *The Poet's Echo* (Katherine Broderick) are very fine...

*Nicholas Kenyon, The Observer, 12 June, 2011*

**MOZART *Don Giovanni*, English National Opera, Kirill Karabits**

The women struck me as uncommonly strong, especially Katherine Broderick, making her ENO debut as Anna. She possesses a very large soprano which...admirably met the considerable demands of the part...she carried herself with dignity and maintained a consistent sense of character.

*Russ McDonald, Opera, December 2010*

Katherine Broderick's Donna Anna and Brindley Sherratt's Leporello are, in fact, the strongest things on stage....repressed hysteria glinting through her laser-bright high register.

*Hilary Finch, The Times, 8 November 2010*

As Donna Anna, Katherine Broderick displays a voice packed with exiting potential.

*Anna Picard, The Independent, 14 November 2010*

(Broderick)...vocally of thrilling potential.

*Hugh Canning, The Sunday Times, 14 November 2010*

**MAHLER *Resurrection Symphony*, BSO, Alsop, Festival Hall, London**

Karen Cargill, her deep, densely focused mezzo-soprano finding lament and primordial light in *Urlicht*. Then the soprano Katherine Broderick, almost imperceptibly gilding the hushed chorus in their anticipation of immortal life. Together, their vocal timbres pleaded for belief....

*Hilary Finch, The Times, 12 May 2010*

**PUCCINI *Il Tabarro*, BBC Proms, Royal Albert Hall, August 2008**

... the touchingly sung young lovers Katherine Broderick and Edgaras Montvidas, ...

*Hilary Flinch, The Times, 14 August 2008*

**National Opera Studio Showcase, Hackney Empire, June 2008**

... Donna Anna beautifully sung by Katherine Broderick, her ample soprano scaled to the music's demands, and the coloratura of 'Non mi dir' finely controlled.

*Margaret Davies, Opera, August 2008*

**National Opera Studio Showcase, Theatre Royal, Glasgow, February 2008**

... here it was the soprano Katherine Broderick, winner of last year's Kathleen Ferrier award. Aside from the quality of her voice, what stands out about Broderick is her easy ability to inhabit the characters and make them believable.

*Rowena Smith, The Herald, 11 February 2008*

**STRAUSS *Capriccio*, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, June 2007**

Broderick rises to the challenge with astonishing assurance. It isn't just her flawless diction or the silvery timbre of her gleaming soprano. What impresses most about this 24-year-old is her uncommon maturity of expression. That, and the fact that she still has plenty in the tank when it comes to the denouement, sung with all the passion of a woman who admits that she is "aflake" because she couldn't make up her mind.

*Neil Fisher, The Times, 11 June 2007*

**Kathleen Ferrier Awards, Wigmore Hall, April 2007**

At 24, Katherine Broderick is one of the youngest first-prize winners of the annual Kathleen Ferrier Awards – and one of the most remarkable. At the end of her finals recital it was thrilling to hear one of the first green buds opening in this burgeoning Wagnerian soprano, when Broderick, accompanied exuberantly by the pianist Jonathan Beatty, sang *Dich teure Halle* from *Tannhäuser*. She brought the house down.

Dame Janet Baker, chairing the jury, spoke of the finalists' accomplishment and heart. Broderick sings with an ardour and generosity of communication that goes way beyond her already formidable technical ability. Her Tatyana last year for British Youth Opera was deeply moving; and in this competition the imaginative wonder within her *Phänomen*, Hugo Wolf's meditation on a rainbow, and her



*Sleep*, by Ivor Gurney, showed her to be as sensitive a recitalist as she is a powerful stage presence.

*Hilary Finch, The Times, 1 May 2007*

**TCHAIKOWSKY *Onegin*, British Youth Opera, September 2006**

Katherine Broderick – still only in her twenties – now confirms and expands her thrilling burgeoning vocal skills in her formidable stage presence as a Tatyana of outstanding character and power

*Hilary Finch, The Times, 12 September 2006*

As Tatyana, Katrina Broderick showed a potentially rich lyric soprano, with a gleaming top and plenty of expressive power.

*Rupert Christiansen, The Telegraph, 29 September 2006*