Emma Bell

Soprano

Soprano Emma Bell has in recent seasons moved on from the Mozart heroines with whom she established her career to the key jugendlich-dramatisch roles, recently making house debuts at Bayerische Staatsoper as Eva (*Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*) under Kirill Petrenko, at Deutsche Oper Berlin as both Elisabeth and Venus (*Tannhäuser*) under Sebastian Weigle, at Opernhaus Zürich as Leonore (*Fidelio*) under Markus Poschner and at Staatsoper Hamburg as Elsa (*Lohengrin*) under Simone Young.

With an exciting early career that took Bell to Teatro alla Scala as Anne Trulove (*The Rake’s Progress*), Elettra (*Idomeneo*) and Donna Elvira (*Don Giovanni*), to the Metropolitan Opera as Contessa Almaviva (*Le nozze di Figaro*) and Donna Elvira and to Teatro Real Madrid, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, The Dallas Opera and Staatsoper Unter den Linden in Britten’s *The Turn of the Screw*, more recent seasons have seen appearances as Elisabeth at Bayerische Staatsoper under Simone Young, Madame Lidoine (*Les dialogues des Carmélites)* at Staatsoper Hamburg under Kent Nagano, both Leonore and Strauss’ *Arabella* at Oper Köln and on the stage of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, she has received praise as Eva, Madame Lidoine and Elisabeth.  Her return to Glyndebourne Festival in 2018 as the title role in Keith Warner’s celebrated production of *Vanessa* was met with critical acclaim, the *Guardian* writing “Bell gives one of her finest performances to date, beautifully acted, her voice soaring with elation and anguish”.

In concert Emma Bell has collaborated with Sir Antonio Pappano on works such as *Vier letzte Lieder* with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Britten’s *War Requiem* with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, and both Rossini’s *Stabat Mater* and Beethoven’s *Missa Solemnis* with the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia. Her recent debut as Magna Peccatrix (soprano I) in Mahler’s mighty Symphony No.8 with the National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra under Lan Shui was met with unanimous acclaim, and she joined the Hallé Orchestra and Sir Mark Elder as Freia in concert performances of *Das Rheingold*, subsequently released on CD.  In core works such as Beethoven’s Symphony No.9, Strauss’ *Vier letzte Lieder* and Wagner’s *Wesendonck Lieder*, Bell has appeared regularly including with the Gothenburg Symphony and Kent Nagano, the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Vladimir Jurowski, and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Gianandrea Noseda.

During the 2020/21 season there are performances as Leonore at the State Opera, Prague under the baton of Lothar Koenigs and she makes her role debut as Sieglinde in a new production by Richard Jones of *Die Walküre* at English National Opera under Martyn Brabbins.