

RIANA ANDREANNE ATHANASIOU (mezzo soprano & actress)

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Riana was born and raised in Limassol, Cyprus and from a very young age she was passionate about singing and dancing. She graduated from the University of Cyprus with a BA in English Language and Literature and then got a scholarship to study Musical Theatre at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in New York. She also studied classical singing and attended various masterclasses on Educational Theatre, Acting and Musical Theatre in Cyprus and abroad.

From the age of 17, as a soloist of DIASTASIS troupe, she collaborated with many local composers and directors (Michael Cacoyiannis, Costa Gavras) and well known singers like Mario Frangoulis, George Perris, Deborah Myers and performed in some of the world's most prestigious venues like Theatre of Herod Atticus (Athens), The Kremlin Theatre (Moscow), Palais de Congres (Paris), Langham Place Church (London).

A versatile singer and performer, she performs in theatrical plays, musicals, concerts, opera, film and TV and is always ready for the next challenge, the next big lesson.

CREDITS

STAGE

- **SLEEPING BEAUTY AWAKES** (Cyprus National Theatre – 2007)
Directed by Tasos Ratzos
- **IMMPORTAL WATER** (Cyprus National Theatre – 2008)
Directed by Tasos Ratzos
- **DON CRYSTOBAL** (Cyprus National Theatre – 2009)
Directed by Isidor Sideris
- **SOCRATES AND HIS CLOUDS** (Jermyn Street Theatre, London)
Directed by Melina Theocharidou
- **THE MAGIC TOWER** (Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival, Provincetown MA – USA)
Directed by Marios Mettis
- **LYSISTRATA** (Cyprus National Theatre – 2023)
Directed by Marios Mettis
- **STAIRS TO THE ROOF** (Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival, Provincetown MA – USA)
Directed by Marios Mettis

MUSICAL

- **A funny thing happened on the way to the manger** (Off Broadway, New York, 2001)
Directed by Miriam Fond
- **OLIVER!** ("Nancy" - DIASTASIS troupe, 1999)
Directed by Marios Papadopoulos
- **MARY POPPINS** ("Mary Poppins" - MORFI troupe, 2007)
Directed by Neoklis Neokleous
- **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** ("Belle" - MORFI troupe, 2009)
Directed by Neoklis Neokleous
- **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** ("Esmeralda" - MORFI troupe, 2011)
Directed by Neoklis Neokleous
- **ALICE IN DREAMLAND** ("Alice" - CYPRUS OPERA ORGANIZATION)
Directed by Tsveta Christoforou
- **ANNO DOMINI** ("Anna" - The Actors Church, Covent Garden, 2016)
Directed by Israel Oyelumade
- **GOUROUNIASMATA (The Pigs' Songs)** ("Mother Pig/ KOKO" - SILVER SPOTLIGHT, 2022)
Directed by Egli Spyridakis
- **JOANNA'S LITTLE MONSTER** ("Grandma/ girl monster" - WE ARE MUSIC prod, 2023)
Directed by Marileni Stavrou
- **ALL BADDIES WELCOME** ("Octavia" - Eikona zois prod, 2024)
Directed by Christina Pavlidou

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- **ARTOS KE THEAMATA (The story of actors in Cyprus - CyBC)**
Directed by Kyros Rossides
- **THE SON** (Russian cable platform KION)
Directed by Nikolay Khomeriki
- **KARMA** (the last episode - K Cineplex movie theatre)
Directed by Nastazia Christodoulou

CINEMA / DOCUMENTARIES

- **SOUNDS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT** (Warner Music Entertainment)
- **FIND ME FALLING** (NETFLIX)

Directed by Stelana Kliris

OPERA

- **DIDO AND AENEAS** ("Second Woman" - Cyprus Opera Organization)
Directed by Vera Petrova
- **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO** ("Marcellina" - Cyprus Opera Organization)
Directed by Vera Petrova
- **DON GIOVANNI** ("Zerlina" - Cyprus Opera Organization)
Directed by Vera Petrova

CONCERTS

- **MUSICAL MOMENTS 3** (DIASTASIS troupe - Cyprus Tour)
Musical Director Andreas Georgallis
- **POPULAR PAINTINGS** (Songs by famous Greek composers - DIASTASIS troupe, Cyprus Tour, London, Moscow, Berlin)
- **MUSICAL PROJECT** (DIASTASIS troupe - Cyprus Tour)
Musical Director Andreas Georgallis
- **CHRISTMAS PRAISE with West End Has Faith** (All Souls Orchestra, London)
Conductor Noel Treddinick
- **THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM** (DIASTASIS troupe)
Conductor Aris Antoniades
- **CINEMA, MY LOVE** (songs from the golden era of Greek musicals)
Performed in London and Cyprus
- **DREAM TRAVELLERS**
Piano Soloist Manolis Neophytou
Artistic Director Carolina Constantinou
- **KIPRION ERGA** (Music by Cypriot composers - TRAKART Foundation)
Conductor Aris Antoniades
- **WISH UPON A STAR** (TRAKART Foundation)
Conductor Aris Antoniades
- **OUR FAVOURITE THINGS** (songs from our favourite musicals)
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