

LAURA MAGNANI, piano *BIOGRAPHY*

Pianist **Laura Magnani** is a native of Spoleto, Italy. She holds a double Degree in Piano and Voice with honors from the Conservatory F. Morlacchi in Perugia; a Diploma of Specialization in Piano from the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome; and a DMA in Piano from the Conservatory of Perugia.

She has performed since the age of 15, touring Italy, Europe, USA and Canada both as a soloist and in Chamber Ensembles, to the enthusiasm of audiences and acclaim of critics. She has attended Master Classes in Salzburg, Brussels, Rome, and Perugia with eminent pianists such as S. Perticaroli, A. Delle Vigne, B. Petrushansky, M. Campanella and others.

She performed in the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds at the personal invitation of Gian Carlo Menotti. She has been invited to perform repeatedly at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston (SC) as an Ambassador of her hometown.

Also skilled as an organizer, she directed the Spoleto Piano Festival for 15 years. Her versatile talent keeps her busy in the fields of Opera, Musical Theatre and Vocal repertoire as well as in Music Education. She has taught Piano, Chamber Music and Vocal training for more than 25 years.

Her latest production, a CD/DVD featuring works by Liszt, Chopin and Prokofiev, will be released in November 2013. Laura recently moved from Italy to San Francisco, California. She is married to San Francisco actor and singer Lars Primo Angeli.

