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“Conducted by the exuberant and attentive Jorge Parodi” (Opera News)

“Jorge Parodi drew a deft performance” (New York Times)

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“Jorge Parodi, who led the orchestra with the right mix of restraint and exuberance”
(Tampa Bay Times)

Reviewed as having "the most expressive conducting hands since Stokowski" by the New York Daily News, Maestro Parodi has worked extensively in North America, Latin America and Asia. Some of his credits include Carmen, Les pêcheurs de perles, Il barbiere di Siviglia, Les contes d'Hoffmann and Le nozze di Figaro for **Opera Tampa**; Piazzolla's María de Buenos Aires for **New York City Opera**, **The Atlanta Opera**, **Opera Hispánica** and **Opera Grand Rapids**; Rodriguez' Frida for **The Atlanta Opera**; Lucrezia Borgia and I Capuleti e i Montecchi for **Buenos Aires Lírica** (Argentina); The Turn of the Screw for the **Castleton Festival** in Virginia and **The Banff Centre** (Canada); Roméo et Juliette, Il barbiere di Siviglia, La traviata, Pagliacci and Faust for **Savannah OPERA**; Les contes d'Hoffmann and Die Fledermaus for **Opera Orlando**; ¡Figaro!(90210) for **Chautauqua Opera**; and L'enfant et les sortilèges for **The Juilliard School**. He led the World Premières of Anton Coppola's Lady Swanwhite for **Opera Tampa**, Michael Ching's The Birthday Clown for **Savannah OPERA**; and John Musto's Rhoda and the Fossil Hunt in a coproduction of **On Site Opera**, **Lyric Opera of Chicago** Lyric's Unlimited and **Pittsburgh Opera**. Last season he made his debut at **Amarillo Opera** for their Opera Gala; at **Gulfshore Opera** with Tosca; and at the **Merola Program** of the **San Francisco Opera** conducting the Schwabacher Summer Concert. This season he makes his debut at **New Orleans Opera** with Charlie Parker's Yardbird and at **El Paso Opera** with La Traviata; and he returns to **Tampa** for Norma, **Amarillo** for Rigoletto; **Gulfshore Opera** for Il barbiere di Siviglia and Don Giovanni; and **Williamsburg** for Don Giovanni.

Jorge Parodi has worked with a wide range of ensembles, as the **Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra**, **Orquesta Sinfónica de Michoacán** (Mexico), the **NHK Symphony** (Japan), the **Ensamble XXI** and the **Orquesta del Conservatorio Nacional** (Argentina), the **Castleton Festival Orchestra**, the **Metamorphosis Chamber Orchestra**, the **Ensemble Zipoli for the American Baroque**, and the **Juilliard Pre College Orchestra** among others. He has worked with such companies as the **Teatro Colón** in Argentina, the **Volgograd Opera** in Russia, the **Encuentros Internacionales de Opera** in Mexico and the **International Vocal Arts Institute** in Israel. He has collaborated with such artists as Isabel Leonard, Nancy Herrera, Eglise Gutiérrez, Tito Capobianco, Sherrill Milnes, Aprile Millo and Rufus Wainwright and has assisted conductors Lorin Maazel and Julius Rudel, among others.

Recently, Maestro Parodi was appointed Artistic Director of the **Sherrill Milnes VOICE Programs (VOICEexperience and Savannah VOICE Festival)**. The **Savannah VOICE Festival** is a celebration of the classical voice with over 25 performances, including operas, concerts and masterclasses. The Festival and its sister organization, the **VOICEexperience**, which helps young artists pursue their careers in the performing arts, were founded by opera legend Sherrill Milnes and soprano Maria Zouves. They work together to serve the community by providing the highest level of education and quality performances by talented artists for all to enjoy. Maestro Parodi recently directed Faust at the SFV, and in previous seasons he led productions of Pagliacci, La Traviata, Roméo et Juliette and Il Barbiere di Siviglia. Within the framework of the 2022 Festival, he programmed events that included artists of the caliber of Frederica von Stade, James Morris, Sherrill Milnes, Fabrizio Melano, Trey Smagur and Federico de Michelis among others.

Maestro Parodi is also the General and Artistic Director of **Opera Hispánica**, the premier company in the United States focused on the Hispanic vocal repertoire and on the Latin perspective. With **Opera Hispánica**, maestro Parodi performed with such artists as Nancy Fabiola Herrera, Eglise Gutiérrez and Metropolitan Opera star, Isabel Leonard. He conducted OH's production of Piazzolla's María de Buenos Aires, which The New York Times described as "excellent." Opera Hispánica's programming included a production of de Falla's El Amor Brujo featuring Spanish opera superstar Nancy Fabiola Herrera in collaboration with **Teatro Grattacielo**; Y Volveré, a solo recital featuring Verónica Villarroel, and the American premiere of the first Guarani opera, Diego Sanchez Haase's Ñomongeta, in coproduction with the **Americas Society** and the **Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian**. Upcoming is the presentation of the Niños Cantores de Morelia from the **Conservatorio de las Rosas** (the oldest in the Americas) at the **Missions of San Antonio** (an **UNESCO** World Heritage Site).

Parodi was recently appointed Music Director of **Gulfshore Opera** in Southwest Florida, where last season conducted Die Fledermaus and Tosca with the **Naples Philharmonic**, and this season he will lead productions of Il barbiere di Siviglia and Don Giovanni. He is also the Music Director of **Opera in Williamsburg** (Virginia), where he has conducted Rigoletto, Il trovatore, L'elisir d'amore, Lucia di Lammermoor, La cenerentola and Così fan tutte, among other titles.

Maestro Parodi also conducted historically informed performances of Cavalli's La Calisto and Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea, and a concert performance of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas at the Bruno Walter Auditorium in Lincoln Center that Opera News praised as "a fully convincing presentation". Other New York credits include productions of The Beggar's Opera, La Doriclea, The Ghost of Versailles, La Vida Breve, Riders to the Sea, Camilla, Apollo e Dafne, Don Giovanni, Orphée aux Enfers, and La vie parisienne.

Mr. Parodi has been a faculty member at **The Juilliard School** for over a decade and is Vocal Coach of the premier Juilliard School's Pre-College Division. He has been recently

appointed Music Director of the **International Summer Opera Festival of Morelia** (Mexico), and he is the Founder and Artistic Director of the **Tokyo International Vocal Arts Academy** Summer Workshop, an intense program for pianists and singers in the early stages of their professional career. Maestro Parodi was the Music Director of the Senior Opera Theatre at the **Manhattan School of Music**, where he led its productions for twelve seasons to critical acclaim, including Schubert's *Die Verschworenen* --that the New York Times praised as being "superbly performed"-- and the American premieres of *Le Roi l'a dit* by Délibes and *Nina* by Paisiello. His work with MSM Senior Opera Theater was featured in an interview published in the March '18 edition of Opera News. He was a long time faculty member of the **International Vocal Arts Institute** in Tel Aviv, one of the world's foremost summer opera training programs. With IVAI he taught at the Nagano Opera Master Class (Japan) and at the Inaugural Opera Master Class in conjunction with China National Opera (Beijing). He has also been a faculty member of Artescenica (Mexico), and the International Institute of Vocal Arts (Puerto Rico). He has offered master classes at the **Instituto Superior de Arte** del Teatro Colón (Buenos Aires), **Manhattan School of Music** (as coteacher with opera legend Martina Arroyo), the **Escuela Superior de Canto** (Madrid), the **Kunitachi Music College** (Tokyo) and **Senzoku Gakuen Music College** (Tokyo).

A prizewinner at the Bienal de Arte of Buenos Aires, Mr. Parodi completed studies in Conducting and Piano Performance at the **Conservatorio Nacional de Música** of Buenos Aires. He holds a Masters degree in Accompanying and Chamber Music from the **University of Michigan** as a full-scholarship student of the eminent accompanist, Martin Katz. He participated in the recording of the complete edition of the music for piano by Muzio Clementi with **Denon Essentials** and is featured in recordings for **Albany Records** and **MSR Classics**.