

Olha Palazhchenko, Mezzo Soprano

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Profile

Ukrainian mezzo-soprano, based in Ireland, and current member of the Irish National Opera Studio. Active repertoire preparation includes roles of Olga (Eugene Onegin, Tchaikovsky), Ježibaba and the Third Nymph (Rusalka, Dvořák), Romeo (I Capuleti e i Montecchi, Bellini), Fenena (Nabucco, Verdi), Maffio Orsini (Lucrezia Borgia, Donizetti), La Cieca (La Gioconda, Ponchielli), and Dalila (Samson et Dalila, Saint-Saëns). Experienced ensemble artist with regular work in the Irish National Opera extra chorus since February 2025.

Operatic experience

Chorus (mezzo-soprano)	Bellini, <i>Norma</i> Irish National Opera	Con. Maurizio Benini Con. Fergus Sheil Dir. Orpha Phelan	Jun 2026
Third Wood Nymph (cover) Chorus (mezzo-soprano)	Dvořák, <i>Rusalka</i> Irish National Opera	Con. Fergus Sheil Dir. Netia Jones	Mar 2026
Suzuki (cover) Chorus (mezzo-soprano)	Puccini, <i>Madama Butterfly</i> Irish National Opera	Con. Fergus Sheil Dir. Daisy Evans	Nov 2025
Chorus (mezzo-soprano)	Donizetti, <i>L'elisir d'amore</i> Irish National Opera	Con. Erina Yashima Dir. Cal McCrystal	Jun 2025
Chorus (mezzo-soprano)	Wagner, <i>Der fliegende Holländer</i> Irish National Opera	Con. Fergus Sheil Dir. Rachael Hewer	Mar 2025

Education

Opera Studio Member	<i>Irish National Opera</i>	2025 – 2026
Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance	<i>Lysenko National Music Academy of Lviv, Ukraine</i>	2022 – 2026
Junior Specialist Degree in Vocal Performance (Classical Voice)	<i>Mariupol Music College, Ukraine</i>	2010 – 2014

Concert projects

Concert in Limerick	<i>Irish National Opera</i>	2026
Music for Galway	<i>Irish National Opera</i>	2025
Music Magic Mischievous	<i>Irish National Opera</i>	2025
Summer Concert	<i>St Matthews Church Baltimore, Co. Cork</i>	2024
Culture Night	<i>Abbeystrewry Church in Skibbereen, Co. Cork</i>	2023, 2024
Le vie dell'amicizia, con. Riccardo Muti	<i>St. Sofia Square, Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	2018

Coaching & Masterclasses

Brenda Hurley	Pia Lux	Samuel Sakker
Richard McGrath	Muriel Corradini	David Cowan
Hélio Vida	Eytan Pessen	Richard Peirson

References

Fergus Sheil – Director, Irish National Opera
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Brenda Hurley – Vocal Coach and Répétiteur
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Languages

Ukrainian, Russian – native
English – B2
Italian, French, German, Czech – singing level