

Julia Cruz has an enthusiastic, dynamic, and communicative personality that allows her to connect with orchestras and audiences. Her repertoire ranges from Haydn to contemporary music, with a special focus on opera and newly created works. She is a Britten Pears Young Artist 2023 and, since 2022, an Award Recipient of the Taki Alsop Conducting Fellowship.

Upcoming engagements include her debut with Orquesta Nacional de España, Orquesta de Extremadura and reinventions to Mexico's National Ballet Company, Orquesta de Bellas Artes and OFUNAM among others. In the opera field, she will lead a *L'Elisir d'Amore* production with Opera Terrassa and she will be the assistant conductor at Teatro Real's absolute premiere of *Tejas Verdes*.

During the last season, Julia made several successful debuts with Orquesta Filarmónica de la Ciudad de México and Orquesta de Bellas Artes -leading the winter *The Nutcracker* production with Mexico's CND at the National Auditorium- also appearing with OFUNAM (Mexico). She was also invited to the Orquesta Sinfónica de Bilbao, guest conducted La Jolla Symphony and Chorus (USA), the closing night of Festival Internacional de Música de Cambra de Godella (Spain) and the Chicago Philharmonic (USA). As assistant and cover conductor, Julia has worked regularly at National Orchestral Institute + Festival (USA) and, on the opera field, with Opera de Colombia for a new production of *L'Elisir d'Amore*.

Julia is also deeply involved in opera, making her debut in 2022 with *La Traviata* at Kolozsvári Magyar Opera -being immediately reinvented for an upcoming season-and *L'Elisir d'Amore* at Stara Zagora State Opera. In 2021, Julia was awarded the Second Prize in the Blue Danube/Béla Bartók Opera Conducting Competition and invited as guest conductor in various European opera houses during the next seasons.

Julia graduated from Conservatorio Superior de Música de Aragón and Zuyd University of Applied Arts, both with distinctions. She has also studied with Federico Santi, and has attended masterclasses with Johannes Schlaeffli, Gregory Vajda, Marin Alsop, Daniel Oren, Colin Metters, Vladimir Ponkin, and Bruno Aprea, among other international conductors. She is currently pursuing a Master Degree in Musicology at Universidad Pública de La Rioja.

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