

SPOTIFY SERIES: Great Singers in Palm Beach Opera History

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Over the past 59 seasons, Palm Beach Opera audiences have enjoyed performances by many of the world's greatest singers. In this Spotify Series, we celebrate our company's artistic heritage with four playlists that feature these exceptional artists in some of their best commercial recordings. Each week, we highlight 10 singers from one period in PBO history, beginning with the Paul Csonka era (1962-1983), continuing with the Anton Guadagno era (1984-2002) and the 21st Century (2002-present), and ending with a celebration of some of our outstanding Gala artists throughout the decades.

WEEK #4

PBO Gala Concerts



Galas have long been a defining part of the Palm Beach social experience, and over the decades our company has enjoyed thrilling Gala concerts from many of the luminaries of opera, including each of the famed Three Tenors, sopranos Renée Fleming and Kiri Te Kanawa, baritones Thomas Hampson and Bryn Terfel, and mezzo-sopranos Susan Graham and Joyce DiDonato, and many more stars. Most recently, bass-baritone Christian van Horn gave an outstanding concert this past season, and in 2021, we look forward to welcoming homegrown talent Nadine Sierra

as our Gala artist. As a bonus addition to this week's playlist, we also share a YouTube link of Nadine performing Mimì's aria from *La bohème* at a private concert earlier this spring with former Palm Beach Opera Chorus Master Kamal Khan.

[Playlist - PBO Galas](#)

1. José Carreras – O tu che in seno agli angeli (Verdi's *La forza del destino*)

@PBO: 1987 Gala

2. Joyce DiDonato – Sorge nell'alma mia (Handel's *Imeneo*)

@PBO: 2014 Gala

3. Kiri Te Kanawa – Porgi amor (Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*)

@PBO: 2002 Gala

4. Thomas Hampson – Vision fugitive (Massenet's *Hérodiade*)

@PBO: 2007 Gala

5. Diana Damrau – Meine Lippen, sie küssen so heiß (Lehár's *Giuditta*)

@PBO: 2016 Gala

6. Plácido Domingo – No puede ser (Sorzábal's *La tabernera del puerto*)

@PBO: 1996 Gala & 2005 Gala

7. Susan Graham – J'ai perdu mon Eurydice (Gluck's *Orphée et Eurydice*)

@PBO: 2006 Gala

8. Bryn Terfel – Madamina, il catalogo è questo (Mozart's *Don Giovanni*)

@PBO: 2004 Gala

9. Renée Fleming – Depuis le jour (Charpentier's *Louise*)

@PBO: 2013 Gala

10. Luciano Pavarotti – Nessun dorma (Puccini's *Turandot*)

@PBO: 1991 Gala

Bonus - Nadine Sierra – Sì, mi chiamano Mimì (Puccini's *La bohème*)

@PBO: 2004 *Dialogues des Carmélites* (Nun), 2004 *Hansel and Gretel* (Sandman), 2006 *Die Zauberflöte* (1st Spirit), 2007 *PBO Vocal Competition* (1st place, Junior Division), 2011 *Orfeo ed Euridice* (Euridice), Returns to PBO as our 2021 Gala Soloist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn4xIOZNAYw>