

Shortshort:

Irene Kurka, soprano and podcaster, is one of those personalities who give innovative impulses to today's musical life. She is known as a profound, versatile and dedicated interpreter of contemporary music in particular - with over 320 world premieres to her name. In 2018, she successfully launched the podcast "neue musik leben", which is listened to worldwide.

Biography short:

With singular dedication and uncommon courage to break new ground, Irene Kurka has developed programs for soprano solo that embrace the whole performance space. Powerful and at the same time delicate, her clear voice rings out, at times projecting a majestic presence, but other times not shy to take risks by laying bear her voice's touching fragility. In her lively interpretations, Irene Kurka is always experimenting and seeking new ways to present contemporary and classic music in concert.

As an interpreter of new music, Irene Kurka is an internationally sought-after singer for concerts and stage productions. Numerous composers (such as Eggert, Corbett, Weeks, Muntendorf, Pisaro, Fox, Weeks, Vantzou, Seither, Beuger, Brass, Frey, and other) have written works for and dedicated to her, including works written for CD and radio productions. To date, she has sung over 320 world premieres.

In April 2018 she successfully started the first independent podcast for new music: "neue musik leben", cooperating with the nmz (Neue Musikzeitung). Based on her podcast "she published three books with "ARE Edition".

Irene curates "Irene kurka lädt ein: Future Singing" in Duesseldorf since 2021 among other projects like "Play on demand", "Metropolitan 1-3".

Concerts with Hezarfen Ensemble Istanbul, musikFabrik, notabu, Wandelweiser, Ensemble Garage. She performed at Tonhalle Düsseldorf, GRM Radio France Paris, Konzerthaus Berlin, IGMN Basel, Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, L'auditori Barcelona, Theater Dortmund, Arte Biennale Venedig, Musica Sacra Maastricht, Cité Internationale des Arts Paris, Acht Brücken – Musik für Köln, Cafe Oto London, Counterflow Festival Glasgow, Muziek Biennale Niederrhein.