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Debut Single by Wife of Veteran is a Musical Tribute to Generations of Soldiers

BOSTON June 01, 2020 - Opera mezzo-soprano Natalja Sticco has released her debut recording of *Requiem for a Soldier (Theme from the TV Series Band of Brothers)*; available now on iTunes, Spotify, and Amazon Music.

Inspiration to release *Requiem* as her debut came for Natalja as she thought about her own American journey. The Mezzo, born in Latvia while still under Communist rule of the Soviet Union, began her singing career in 2009 with the Latvian National Opera chorus in her hometown of Riga where she performed for seven seasons. In 2018 she immigrated to the United States, breaking-out as an opera and classical music soloist, as well as a concert performer, in the Boston area.

“My first single needed to reflect who I am as an artist and person, in a way listeners can personally connect with,” Natalja explains, “I am a woman, mother and wife filled with gratitude for the opportunities I have in life that were set in-motion by generations of people who served and fought for freedom. They may not have all been soldiers, but they were warriors nevertheless. *Requiem* is for all these people, who gave everything for freedom whether wearing a uniform or not.” Recording the single was also a deeply emotional experience for Natalja - “I felt an incredible responsibility. The music and words command beauty. I could also see how it touched my husband, who is a Gulf War and permanently disabled veteran of the US Air Force, sitting nearby. His son, a First-Lieutenant; and nephew, a Sergeant; are both actively serving in the US Army.” Natalja’s 11-year-old son also talks about joining the military. “In my own family I have the past, present and future of the very people I am singing about.”

Money raised from the single will go to The National Desert Storm Memorial Association, which is establishing a memorial in Washington DC to honor those who served in support of Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield. The groundbreaking on the construction of the memorial is scheduled for the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm in 2021.

Known for her interpretations of operatic arias, Natalja Sticco is emerging as a powerhouse classical crossover artist. She is a favorite of the concert-going public for her enchanting on-stage persona, and voice of uncommon richness. She has appeared in over 200 performances of 30 operas in 6 countries within Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

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“Natalja’s voice soars with amazing resonance and brio. Her style and technique are truly reminiscent of opera’s golden age. Undoubtedly great things lay ahead for her.”

-Sir Simon Rattle OM OBE, Music Director London Symphony Orchestra

“*Requiem for a Soldier* is a gorgeous display of Natalja’s highly intelligent approach and deep care of musical structure and interpretation. Her accurate melodic line, exceptional vocal quality in all its extension and not least, her skill and sensibility to produce different colors in her execution are all on display in this single!”

-Fabio Cerroni, Conductor “Ave Maria” Vittorio Grigolo & Orchestra Roma Sinfonietta (2013); Solo Repertor Bayerische Staatsopera

“Natalja’s rendition of *Requiem for a Soldier* beautifully conveys the emotion of its composition and lyric with passion and dignity.”

-Daniel Serafin, Artistic Director Oper Im Steinbruch Austria & Director of Viennese Opera Ball New York

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