



Ellen Valkenburg - soprano

Soprano Ellen Valkenburg sang in various choirs and played the trumpet from early on in her youth. She started taking singing lessons at the age of fourteen. In 2008 she completed her Bachelor's in Music Education at the conservatoire of Tilburg and continued her Classical Singing studies at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague, where she graduated for her Bachelor studies with distinction in May 2012. In June 2014, Ellen graduated for her Master studies with Maria Acda and Sasja Hunnogo at the same conservatory.

In Summer 2011 Ellen took part in the course 'Poetry and performance of the German Lied' at the Franz-Schubert institute in Baden bei Wien. Here she studied with Elly Ameling, Roger Vignoles, Irwin Gage, Rudolf Jansen, Robert Holl, Irwin Gage, Barbara Bonney and others. Ellen also took lessons and masterclasses with Roberta Alexander, Phyllis Ferwerda, Elsin Jansen, Margreet Honig and Meinard Kraak.

In March 2012, the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds granted her the Margit Widlund Stipendium. This stipendium, founded by writer Anna Enquist and her husband in memory of their deceased daughter, is intended for young singers with a special stage presentation.

Ellen is a member of the ensemble 'Coco Collectief', consisting of five sopranos and pianist Maurice Lammerts van Bueren. She also forms a duo with pianist Andrea Vasi. Together they gave concerts for a.o. the Grachtenfestival, the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds, Opium op Radio 4, the NJO Muziekzomer and the Dutch television program 'Vrije geluiden'. In 2011 they won the 'Musico-liedconcours' and in 2013 they have been admitted to give concerts for the 'Vrienden van het Lied'. In 2014, they won a prize during the finals of the Internationaal Vocalisten Concours in 's-Hertogenbosch.

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