



Silvia Costa | director and designer (April 2026)

Silvia Costa is an Italian director and performer born in Treviso.

Since graduating in Visual Art and Theatre at the Venice's IUAV University in 2006, she has proposed a visual and poetic theatre nourished by a deep reflection on images.

Her first production, *Figure*, presented at the Uovo Festival in Milan (2009) won the ETI Prize for New Creation following a regular collaboration with this festival.

In 2016, she presented at the Festival d'Automne in Paris the production by Théâtre Nanterre-Amandiers an adaptation of the novel by Jules Renard, *Poil de Carotte* following in 2028 *Dans le pays d'hiver*, inspired by *Dialogues with Leuco* by Cesare Pavese. She then directed and designed *Wry smile Dry sob*, a choreographic and musical installation inspired by Beckett's *Comedy* which she also directed at the Landestheater Vorarlberg in Bregenz, Austria. In addition, in 2021 she was invited to Residenztheater in Munich to direct and design *Erinnerung eines Mädchens* by Annie Ernaux and for the Bregenzer Festspiele in collaboration with Landestheater Vorarlberg she staged and designed the four location creation *Ihr seid bereits eingeschifft*.

Silvia Costa made her lyric debut in 2019 with Claude Vivier's *Hiérophanie* performed by the Ensemble intercontemporain at the Cité de la Musique in Paris, taking part of the Festival d'Automne. In 2020 (and presented due to Covid in 2022) she has been invited to Staatsoper Stuttgart to direct and design the set of *Juditha Triumphans* (Vivaldi). She has created the mise-en-espace for *Così fan tutte* at Palau de les Arts in Valencia. For Festival Aix-En-Provence 2021 she staged and set designed *Il combattimento o la teoria del cigno nero* and the mise-en-espace of *Pierrot Lunaire*, a concert with Patricia Kopatchinskaja. At Theatre du Chatelet collaborating with Ensemble intercontemporain she created *Interieur* a world premiere by composer Joan Magrané Figuera with the adaptation of Maurice Maeterlinck's short play. Also *La femme au marteau*, a coproduction between La Comédie De Valence, MC93, Festival d'Automne à Paris, Théâtre National de Bretagne / Rennes, Maillon-Strasbourg and De Singel.

At Opera de Lorraine in Nancy she directed *Julie* by Philippe Boesmans (in coproduction with Opera Dijon). At opera de Lille in 2022 she created *Like Flesh*, world premiere (Fedora Prize) in coproduction with Opera Lorraine and Opera Vlaanderen, collaborating with composer Sivan Eldar and ensemble *Le Balcon* and a year later she directed *Freitag aus Licht* (Stockhausen) in coproduction with Philharmonie de Paris and Festival d'Automne. 2023 started with the coproduction of *Noye's Fludde* by Benjamin Britten with La Comédie De Valence and Opera de Lyon, in April at Staatsoper Hannover she directed *L'Orfeo* by Claudio Monteverdi. At the Comédie



Française in Paris she elaborated the French version of Memoire de fille (text by Annie Ernaux) while 2024 begins with the concert installation The Timeless Moment at the Staatsoper Berlin, L'Autre Voyage with conductor Raphaël Pichon at Opera Comique in Paris and Macbeth by W. Shakespeare at Comédie Française in Paris. In 2025 She directed Montag aus Licht at Opera de Lille and Philharmonie de Paris in coproduction with Le Balcon.

For the opening of the season 2025/26 at Théâtre des Champs-Élysées she creates La Damnation de Faust. She collaborated with Bryce Dessner, Alice Sara Ott and Isabelle Huppert at Fondation Louis Vuitton on the new commission Love, Icebox and at the Dutch National Opera she directed Requiem for Mariza, new commission by Meriç Artaç.

In 2026 for Opera national de Nancy Lorraine she directed I Didn't Know Where To Put All My Tears, a world premiere by Marko Nikodijević with libretto by Silvia Costa and Curlew River by Benjamin Britten.

From 2006 to 2020, she was actress and artistic collaborator to most of Romeo Castellucci's creations for theater and opera. She was associate artist of the Teatro dell'Arte / Triennale Milano 2017-19 and of CDN d'Angers (2019). Her creative work has been supported from 2021 to 2023 by deSingel, Antwerp. Since 2020, she was part of the artistic ensemble of the Comédie de Valence.

In 2022, she was appointed Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the Minister of Culture of the French Republic.