



A Long JOURNEY HOME

In the spring of 2004 international opera star Isabel Bayrakdarian travelled for the first time to her ancestral homeland, Armenia. This documentary follows her on a poignant journey home where she is honoured by the political, cultural and religious leaders of the country.

The film captures her concert of classical repertoire with the Philharmonic Orchestra, her recital of Armenian music with the world's oldest string quartet as well as her performances of sacred music in the country's most ancient churches.

Viewers are given the opportunity not only to hear one of the great voices of our time but also to visit a part of the world whose mystical landscape provides a haunting backdrop for the music.

A Long Journey Home is a Stormy Nights Production directed by Eileen Thalenberg and produced by Gail McIntyre and Eileen Thalenberg.

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ABOUT ISABEL BAYRAKDARIAN

"Instinctively dramatic and expressive, she is able to inhabit whatever music she sings." This is what critics have said about Isabel Bayrakdarian.

First prize winner of the prestigious Plácido Domingo "Operalia" Competition in 2000 and recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee medal, Canadian Armenian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian has made a splash on the international stages of the opera world. She has performed



with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, the Chicago Lyric Opera, Teatro alla Scala, L'Opéra de Paris, and at the Salzburg Festival to name but a few.

In addition to her recorded albums, Ms. Bayrakdarian's voice can be heard on the Grammy Award-winning sound-track of *The Two Towers*, the second installment of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

ABOUT STORMY NIGHTS PRODUCTIONS

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