"Laure de Marcellus and pianist Alberto Urroz gave performances of the seldomheard music of Pauline Viardot García that were both exhilarating and intimate."

"... they formed a blended duo in [an] atmosphere of sensibility."

"[...] Laure de Marcellus and Alberto Urroz, two wonderful musicians, transported me with their music.... with great emotional intensity and technical competency at the highest level."

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## Pauline Inspired

Melodies by and for Pauline Viardot



## Our duo

Praised for her 'important, very powerful voice, of clear timbre within its mezzo chiaroscuro' and 'Magnificent, elegant rendition, expressive without exaggerating the gesture', Laure de Marcellus shines in this repertoire, delicately and expertly accompanied by Alberto Urroz, a pianist with impeccable technique and rare authenticity. This gorgeous duo has been performing together for years to rave reviews, their long lasting and deep friendship feeding the fabulous chemistry they deliver when playing together.

This program will be released on CD in the spring of 2022 by Centaur Records. It includes a world premiere recording of the song cycle 'Seis Melodias' by Ruperto Chapí, dedicated to Pauline:



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Laure de Marcellus, Mezzosoprano and Alberto Urroz, pianist, present: 'Pauline Inspired', an homage to Pauline Viardot García, the fascinating woman, 19th century prima donna and composer whose artistic and musical personality inspired the greatest artists of her time (de Musset, Gounod, Tourgueniev, Chopin...) and who left too often unsung melodic treasures of her own. This program features music Pauline Viardot composed and music dedicated to her by Fauré, Gounod, Chapí and Saint-Saëns.

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