

SONIA BERGAMASCO

BIOGRAPHY

Sonia Bergamasco is one of the most versatile Italian actresses working today. Born in Milan, she earned a degree in piano at the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory, and another in acting at the Piccolo Teatro School. She made her debut in *Arlecchino, Servant of Two Masters* directed by Giorgio Strehler, and played the Fairy in Carmelo Bene's last version of *Pinocchio* for stage and television. She has also worked with noted theater directors Theodoros Terzopoulos, Massimo Castri and Glauco Mauri.

Since 2001 she has directed and acted in shows in which her musical background is more deeply interwoven with theater. Awarded the **2014 Premio Duse** for her work as an actress, in 2015 she directed and performed in *The Ball* (based on the novel by Irène Némirovsky). In March 2017 she directed and performed in a new production entitled *Louise and Renée* (inspired by *Letters of Two Brides* by Balzac, with original dramaturgy by Stefano Massini), at the Piccolo Teatro in Milan.

She made her film debut in 2001 in Giuseppe Bertolucci's *L'amore probabilmente* (*Probably Love*) and won the **2004 Nastro d'Argento** for best actress in a leading role for the film *La meglio gioventù* (*The Best of Youth*) directed by Marco Tullio Giordana. She has also worked with directors Bernardo Bertolucci in *Io e te* (*Me and You*), Giuseppe Piccioni in *Giulia non esce la sera* (*The Prize*), Silvio Soldini in the short film *D'estate* (*Summertime*), and Franco Battiato in *Musikanten*.

She received the **Flaiano Prize** for best actress for her role in Liliana Cavani's film *De Gasperi*, and has enjoyed continual success in Riccardo Milani's innovative, popular TV series *Tutti pazzi per amore* (*Everyone's Crazy for Love*) and *Una grande famiglia* (*One Big Family*). Currently, she is busy shooting new episodes of the long-running TV series *Commissario Montalbano* (*Detective Montalbano*) in which she plays the role of "Livia".

Her most recent film role is in *Quo vado?* (*Where Am I Going?*), directed by Gennaro Nunziante, for which she won the **Alida Valli Prize** for best actress in a supporting role at the 2016 Bari International Film Festival.

Sonia Bergamasco was the official host of the 73rd Venice International Film Festival 2016.