

## PRETTY YENDE: AN OPERA STAR FROM AFRICA



*Pretty Yende* (\*March 6, 1985) **comes from** Piet Retief, a small town in South Africa. She sings opera, she is a soprano<sup>1</sup>, and she sings in famous **opera houses**, for example in La Scala and the Metropolitan Opera.

2001 - Pretty Yende studies at **secondary school** and she hears opera **for the first time** in a British Airways **TV commercial**. She says that "it sounds<sup>2</sup> so supernatural<sup>3</sup> that it cannot be human<sup>4</sup>." After this, she wants to be an opera singer. But she doesn't know if she is really<sup>5</sup> talented.

2016 - Pretty Yende is one of the most famous opera singers, a star of Milan's La Scala, New York's Metropolitan and London's Covent Garden.

She has a lot of prizes<sup>6</sup> from the Belveder Competition in Vienna from 2010. Journalists<sup>6</sup> say that "her voice can **reach to the stars**."

One of her favourite composers<sup>7</sup> is Antonín Dvořák and his opera *Rusalka*. She sometimes sings in Prague's **Municipal House**.

**Vocabulary:**<sup>1</sup>soprán|<sup>2</sup>znít|<sup>3</sup>nadpřirozený|<sup>4</sup>lidský|<sup>5</sup>opravdu|<sup>6</sup>ocenění|<sup>7</sup>novinář|<sup>7</sup>skladatel

**Language notes:** come from=pocházet odněkud|opera house=operní scéna(divadlo)|secondary school=střední škola|for the first time=poprvé|TV commercial=televizní reklama|reach to the stars=dotknout se hvězd|Municipal House=Obecní dům

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