



Caterina Valente recipient of the 2005 Honorary-Bambi Award

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The Italian singer was awarded Germany's most prestigious media award

PR9.NET December 04, 2005 - Singer and entertainer Caterina Valente was awarded the Honorary - Bambi in Munich on December 1st 2005. The Hubert Burda Media jury bestowed the coveted media award on Valente for her outstanding international career. According to the jury, Valente had shown over decades how a star can be successful with music "made in Europe". It claimed that "with her great voice and incomparable charm, she had blazed a trail for many international female stars " Valente, who is now 74, has released a total of around 1500 musical titles in 13 languages on 400 albums.

Valente was born into an Italian artistic family in 1931 in Paris. She made her first appearance as a five-year-old in 1936 in Stuttgart. In the 1950s she became Germany's number one pop star with evergreens such as "Ganz Paris träumt von der Liebe" (I love Paris) and "Wo meine sonne scheint" (Island in the sun). In 1954, Valente embarked on an unparalleled global career, the hits "Malaguena" and "The Breeze and I" making her the first European star to reach the Top Ten in the American hit parade. She had her own television shows in the USA, Switzerland, England, Sweden, France, Italy and Germany.

As a leading film actress she achieved public success in twelve European film musicals. She was also a brilliant jazz performer, singing with all-time greats like Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Dean Martin and Chet Baker. Caterina Valente's great international success was recognised with awards in Italy, France, Brazil, Japan and the USA. In Germany, awards included the Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse (Federal Cross of Merit (1st Class)) and the Großes Bundesverdienstkreuz (Grand Cross of Merit).

Her latest release "Caterina Valente Live 1968 CD&DVD" contains the famous "Heidelberg TV Special" which premiered to rave reviews on CBS in 1969.

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