

## ADRIA FIRESTONE (250 WORDS)

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The Spanish press (**ABC de Sevilla**) called Adria Firestone, *A wild stage beast*. **Opera News** called her, *A light in the darkness*. Her students and clients give her the best reviews of all: *She inspires and challenges me to be my best self. She changed my life*. The secret to Adria's transformation skills is passion.

Adria enjoyed a long, award-winning career as an opera singer, musical theater performer and actor. Her credits range from her world-renowned Carmen in Bizet's opera to *Family Guy*. From Shanghai to the Pacific Rim and from Cairo to Canada, Adria has performed throughout the world.

Adria was Dulcinea in *The Man of La Mancha*, and won the coveted **Carbonell Award for Best Actress in a Musical**. During performances of *El Amor Brujo* and *La Vida Breve* with Florida Grand Opera, she received the **Olson American Artist of the Year Award**. She was awarded **Woman of the Year** at the Spoleto Festival in Italy.

Adria began teaching at NJCU in 2003 in the Music, Dance & Theatre Department. Adria is an instructional designer and presents programs at schools and universities, including Duke University, the National University of Singapore, Dubai English-speaking school and Northwestern University.

The same fire that Adria brings to her performances, makes her a powerful speaker and master story teller. She fosters deep healing and transformation for her coaching clients around the globe and is working on her fifth book. She is the go-to guru for presentation skills, strategic communication and personal and professional development.

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