

BIRNBAUM Stella Estera (1888-), stage name “Stella d’Arte”, singer, singing teacher. She was born on 10th February 1888, the daughter of cantor → Abraham Ber Birnbaum and Chinda Gołda née Ejzenberg, sister of → Mieczysław Birnbaum.

She studied at the Music Institute in Warsaw and, from 1907, at the Conservatorium of Music in Leipzig. She took opera courses in Berlin and, in Warsaw, she also took private lessons with the world-famous opera singer Edward Reszke.

From around 1910, she performed as a soloist in concerts at, among others, the Concert House in Łódź, on 18th October 1915, with the Łódź Symphony Orchestra. She performed arias from the opera *Lohengrin* by Richard Wagner and *Halki* by S. Moniuszko. She performed with the Warsaw Philharmonic. In Częstochowa, in 1908-10, she appeared (as a singer and pianist) with the choir of the “Lira” Music-Literary Society during concerts organised by that organisation. She was a singing teacher, initially, in Częstochowa and, later, in Łódź.

Błaszczyk, *Żydzi w kulturze muzycznej*, p. 35; Malko, *Życie muzyczne*, pp. 80, 81, 83, 84, 85; - “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1910, No. 31, p. 3. - APCz,group 58, record No. 358/1898 (delayed).

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