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BIDU SAYAO, you are the daughter of Brazil who aspired to sing for the world -- and succeeded. We know you as a Camden neighbor; the world knows you as the soprano who won the hearts of Europe and of North and South America. For many years devotees of the Metropolitan knew you as their Manon, their Susanna, their Violetta, and their Juliet. You shared your musical talent with America on concert stages across the country, and promising young artists came to know you as an inspiration and a friend.

The only woman to receive Brazil's highest decoration, the Order of Merit, you have also received France's Palms of the Academy. Bowdoin is honored to recognize you and proclaim that your songs indeed have wings. *Honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF MUSIC.