



# Karen Amlaw, soprano

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### *Education*

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B.A. in Psychology/Minor in Music/ Certificate in Personnel Management	University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music - Rochester, NY	1991
School of Continuing Education Opera Studio	New England Conservatory - Boston, MA	2005, 2006
The Coaching Divas - Advanced Opera Workshop	Boston, MA	2010, 2011
Crittenden Opera Studio	Boston, MA	2005, 2006, 2009, 2010

### *Educator*

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Adjudicator	Opera Worcester Annual Vocal Scholarship Competition	2008 - present
Founder/Director	Children's Summer Singing Weeks	2008 - present
Founder/Director	Young Musician's Recital Series	2007 - present
Program Director/ Primary Instructor	Kids on Keys Young Children's Piano Program	2007 - present
General Music Instructor	YWCA Afterschool Enrichment Program (Worcester/Westborough, MA)	2005 - 2007
Founder/Performer	Miss Karen & Friends: Music for Young Children	2005 - 2006

### *Administrator*

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Aria Sing Program Coordinator	Greater Worcester Opera, Worcester, MA (formerly known as Worcester Opera Works)	2008 - present
Marketing Assistant	Soprano Maria Ferrante, Worcester, MA	2005 - present
Administrator	Robinson Music Inc., Westborough, MA	2006 - 2009
Fundraising / Program Committee Chair	Lowell Opera, Lowell, MA	2005 - 2006
Hospitality Committee Chair	Master Singers of Worcester, Worcester, MA	2004 - 2005

## Performer

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### **OPERA - Complete Roles**

#### **Calliope Inc. - Boston, MA**

Nun (cover) *The Death of the Bishop of Brindisi* Julia O'Toole, Director

#### **Boston Opera Collaborative - Boston, MA**

Mother Gerald *Dialogues of the Carmelites* Marc Astafan, Director  
Michael Strauss, Music Director

### **OPERA - Partial Roles**

#### **Calliope Inc. - Boston, MA**

Suor Angelica (cover) *Suor Angelica* Julia O'Toole, Director

Lauretta *Gianni Schicchi* Julia O'Toole, Director

#### **Crittenden Opera Studio - Boston, MA**

Desdemona *Otello* Richard Crittenden, Director  
Kathleen Scott, Music Director

Amelia *Un ballo in maschera* Elizabeth Vrenios, Director  
Robert Thieme, Music Director

Cio-Cio-San *Madama Butterfly* Elizabeth Vrenios, Director  
Eric Mazonson, Music Director

Madame Pompous *Too Many Sopranos* Elizabeth Vrenios, Director  
Scott Nicholas, Music Director

Nedda *Pagliacci* Richard Crittenden, Director  
Robert Thieme, Music Director

Mariane *Tartuffe* Elizabeth Vrenios, Director  
Eric Mazonson, Music Director

Euridice *Orfeo ed Euridice* Richard Crittenden, Director  
Kathleen Scott, Music Director

Second Lady *The Magic Flute* Meredith Wynne, Director  
Kathleen Scott, Music Director

Agathe *Der Freischütz* Adriana Hardy, Director  
Libor Dudas, Music Director

Donna Elvira *Don Giovanni* Richard Crittenden, Director

Fiordiligi *Così fan tutte* Elizabeth Vrenios, Director

Elisetta *Il matrimonio segreto* Richard Crittenden, Director

#### **Greater Worcester Opera (formerly known as Worcester Opera Works) - Worcester, MA**

Aida *Aida* Elaine Crane, Director  
Olga Rogach, Music Director

Leonora *La forza del Destino* Elaine Crane, Director  
Olga Rogach, Music Director

Floria Tosca *Tosca* Elaine Crane, Director  
Olga Rogach, Music Director

Salomé *Hérodiade* Elaine Crane, Director  
Olga Rogach, Music Director

**Greater Worcester Opera (formerly known as Worcester Opera Works) - Worcester, MA (cont.)**

Chimène	<i>Le Cid</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Elvira	<i>Ernani</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director

**Lowell Opera Company - Lowell, MA**

Cio-Cio-San	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Andrew Bonanno, Director Eric Schwartz, Music Director
Countess Almaviva	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Andrew Bonanno, Director Eric Schwartz, Music Director
Despina	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Christina Puntoni, Director Eric Schwartz, Music Director

**Mass Theatrica - Lynn, MA**

Amelia	<i>Simon Boccanegra</i>	Angeliki Theoharris, Director Bradley Pennington, Music Director
Magda	<i>La rondine</i>	Angeliki Theoharris, Director Bradley Pennington, Music Director
Countess Almaviva	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Angeliki Theoharris, Director Bradley Pennington, Music Director

**New England Conservatory - Boston, MA**

Elettra	<i>Idomeneo</i>	Janice Giampa, Director Daniel Wyneken, Music Director
Fiordiligi	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Janice Giampa, Director Daniel Wyneken, Music Director
Countess Almaviva	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Janice Giampa, Director Daniel Wyneken, Music Director
Mother Marie	<i>Dialogues of the Carmelites</i>	Janice Giampa, Director Daniel Wyneken, Music Director

**CONCERT / ORATORIO:**

Featured Artist	<i>Summer Concert Series – Opera Gala</i>	Greater Worcester Opera Elaine Crane, Director	2010, 2011
Featured Artist	<i>Music to Cure MS Benefit Concert: Operatic Arias</i>	Marion Leeds Carroll, Director Eric Schwartz, piano	2010, 2011
Soprano Soloist	<i>Studio Recital – Students of Sondra Kelly Massenet’s Pleurez, pleurez mes yeux!</i>	Mark McNeill, piano	2011
Soprano Soloist	<i>Bach’s Cantata No. 131 Aus der Tiefe</i>	Jagan-Nath and Friends Ensemble	2011
Featured Artist	<i>Operatic Chestnuts</i>	Marion Leeds Carroll, Director David Goldhirsch, piano	2011
Featured Artist	<i>Sopranopalooza - Gala Opera Benefit</i>	Greater Worcester Opera Elaine Crane, Director	2011
Soprano Soloist	<i>Handel’s Messiah</i>	Worcester Youth Orchestra Audrey White, Director	2010
Featured Artist	<i>Vocal Recital: Mozart to Puccini &amp; More</i>	Olga Rogach, piano	2009
Soprano Soloist	<i>Haydn’s The Creation (The Heavens are Telling trio)</i>	Calliope, Inc. Julia O’Toole, Director	2009
Featured Artist	<i>Quadrivium Benefit Concert: Operatic arias</i>	Alumni Club of Worcester	2009

## CONCERT / ORATORIO (cont.):

Soprano Soloist	Handel's <i>Messiah (Part I)</i>	Salisbury Singers Michelle Graveline, Director	2008
Soprano Soloist	Mozart's <i>Et incarnatus est</i>	Eric Schwartz, piano	2007
Featured Artist	<i>Holiday Program: Arias &amp; holiday music</i>	Opera Worcester Paul Shannon, piano	2006
Soprano Soloist	Mendelssohn's <i>Elijah</i>	Sudbury Congregational Church Marjorie Ness, Director	2006
Soprano Soloist (cover)	Durufle's <i>Requiem</i>	Wesley United Methodist Church Scott Lamlein, Director	2006
Soprano Soloist	<i>Festival of Lessons and Carols</i>	Wesley United Methodist Church Scott Lamlein, Director	2005 2006
Soprano Soloist (cover)	Eleanor Daley's <i>Requiem</i> (Area Premiere)	Master Singers of Worcester Malcolm Halliday, Director	2005
Soprano Soloist	Selections from Handel's <i>Messiah</i> ; Mozart's <i>Exsultate jubilate</i>	Seventh Day Church - Worcester, MA Charles Nwachukwu, Director	2005
Soprano Soloist	<i>Holiday Outreach Program:</i> Arias & holiday music	Lowell Opera Judi Lemoine, Director	2005
Soprano Soloist	Handel's <i>Messiah (Part I)</i>	Seventh Day Church - Worcester, MA Charles Nwachukwu, Director	2004
Mezzo-Soprano Soloist	Beethoven's <i>Choral Fantasy</i>	Master Singers of Worcester Malcolm Halliday, Director	2004
Featured Artist	<i>Music at the Meeting House</i>	Master Singers of Worcester Malcolm Halliday, Director	2004
Featured Artist	<i>Boar's Head Festival</i>	Master Singers of Worcester Malcolm Halliday, Director	2004
Soprano Soloist	<i>Organ Dedication Concert Series</i> Karg-Elert's <i>Symphonic Choral No. 3</i>	First Unitarian Church - Worcester, MA Brian Jones, Director	2004
Soprano Soloist	Mozart's <i>Missa brevis in C</i>	Wesley United Methodist Church Marjorie Ness, Director	2003

## LITURGICAL:

Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	First Baptist Church Worcester, MA	William Ness, Minister of Music	2007 - 2011
Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	St Anthony of Padua Revere, MA	Robert Carson, Minister of Music	2009 - 2011
Soprano Soloist	First Congregational Church Boylston, MA	Dennis Deyo Minister of Music	2010 - 2011
Soprano Soloist	St. Francis Episcopal Church Holden, MA	Charles Nwachukwu, Minister of Music	2004 - 2011
Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	United Congregational Church Worcester, MA	Lucia Falco, Minister of Music	2004 - 2010
Soprano Soloist	Wesley United Methodist Church Worcester, MA	Scott Lamlein, Minister of Music	2004 - 2008
		Leroy Hanson, Minister of Music	1984 - 1988
Soprano Soloist	Christ Church Fitchburg, MA	Marjorie Ness, Minister of Music	2004

## *Awards and Recognition*

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Alternate	Connecticut Concert Opera's American Opera Idol Competition	2011
Semi-Finalist	The American Prize in Vocal Performance – Opera/Operetta Division	2011
Semi-Finalist	Peter Elvins Vocal Competition	2007
Scholarship Recipient	New England Conservatory School of Continuing Education Opera Studio	2005, 2006
Scholarship Recipient	Crittenden Opera Studio	2005