

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### *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
Vocal Studies with Maria Ferrante	Worcester, MA	2004 - 2005
School of Continuing Education Opera Studio	New England Conservatory - Boston, MA	2005, 2006
Crittenden Opera Studio	Boston, MA	2005, 2006, 2009, 2010
Coaching with Sondra Kelly	Boston, MA	2010 - 2016
The Coaching Divas - Advanced Opera Workshop	Boston, MA	2010, 2011, 2012
Master class with Amy Johnson	Cambridge, MA	2012
The Coaching Divas - Role Preparation – Aida, Floria Tosca	Boston, MA	2012, 2013
Master classes with Peter Mark	New York, NY	2015, 2016, 2019
Master class with Carol Castel	Concord, NH	2017
Coaching with Steven Crawford	New York, NY	2017 - present

### *Educator*

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Founder/Director	Young Musicians' Recital Series	2007 - present
Program Director/Primary Instructor	Kids on Keys Young Children's Piano Program	2007 - present
Adjudicator	Music Worcester (formerly Opera Worcester) Annual Vocal Scholarship Competition	2008 - present
Adjudicator	Spirit of Shrewsbury Kids Got Talent Competition	2013 - 2018
Founder/Director	Children's Summer Singing Weeks	2008 - 2013
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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Owner/Director	Karen Amlaw Music, Westborough, MA` (Winner of <i>Most Loved Music Lessons Award</i> in MetroWest - 2017)	2005 - present
Publicity Chair	Music to Cure MS, Arlington, MA (Annual fundraiser for The Accelerated Cure Project)	2012 - present
Marketing Assistant	Soprano Maria Ferrante, Worcester, MA	2005 - 2013
Aria Sing Program Coordinator	Greater Worcester Opera, Worcester, MA (formerly known as Worcester Opera Works)	2008 - 2012
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**

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

Mother Gerald	<i>Dialogues of the Carmelites</i>	Marc Astafan, Director Michael Strauss, Music Director
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#### **Calliope Inc. - Boston, MA**

Nun (cover)	<i>The Death of the Bishop of Brindisi</i>	Julia O'Toole, Director Michael Strauss, Music Director
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#### **Longwood Opera**

Gertrud	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
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### **OPERA - Partial Roles**

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

Suor Angelica (cover)	<i>Suor Angelica</i>	Julia O'Toole, Director
Lauretta	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Julia O'Toole, Director

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

Desdemona	<i>Otello</i>	Richard Crittenden, Director Kathleen Scott, Music Director
Amelia	<i>Un ballo in maschera</i>	Elizabeth Vrenios, Director Robert Thieme, Music Director
Cio-Cio-San	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Elizabeth Vrenios, Director Eric Mazonson, Music Director
Madame Pompous	<i>Too Many Sopranos</i>	Elizabeth Vrenios, Director Scott Nicholas, Music Director
Nedda	<i>Pagliacci</i>	Richard Crittenden, Director Robert Thieme, Music Director
Mariane	<i>Tartuffe</i>	Elizabeth Vrenios, Director Eric Mazonson, Music Director
Euridice	<i>Orfeo ed Euridice</i>	Richard Crittenden, director Kathleen Scott, Music Director
Second Lady	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Meredith Wynne, Director Kathleen Scott, Music Director

## **OPERA - Partial Roles (continued)**

### **Crittenden Opera Studio - Boston, MA (continued)**

Agathe	<i>Der Freischütz</i>	Adriana Hardy, Director Libor Dudas, Music Director
Donna Elvira	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Richard Crittenden, Director
Fiordiligi	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Elizabeth Vrenios, Director
Elisetta	<i>Il matrimonio segreto</i>	Richard Crittenden, Director

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

Elisabetta	<i>Don Carlo</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Aida	<i>Aida</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Lady Billows	<i>Albert Herring</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Leonora	<i>La forza del Destino</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Elvira	<i>Ernani</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Salomé	<i>Hérodiade</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Chimène	<i>Le Cid</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director
Cio-Cio-San	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Cindy Bizzarro, Music Director
Countess Almaviva	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Elaine Crane, Director Olga Rogach, Music Director

### **Longwood Opera - Needham, MA**

Heliane	<i>Das wunder der Heliane</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Sieglinde	<i>Die Walküre</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Turandot	<i>Turandot</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Reiza	<i>Oberon</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Leonora	<i>La forza del Destino</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Marietta	<i>Die Tote Stadt</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Adriana Lecouvreur	<i>Adriana Lecouvreur</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Chimène	<i>Le Cid</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Santuzza	<i>Cavalleria rusticana</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Elisabetta	<i>Don Carlo</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director

## **OPERA - Partial Roles (continued)**

### **Longwood Opera - Needham, MA (Continued)**

Giulietta	<i>Les contes d'Hoffmann</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Rosalinde	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Lady Billows	<i>Albert Herring</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Wally	<i>La Wally</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Amelia	<i>Un ballo in maschera</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Gioconda	<i>La Gioconda</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Maddalena	<i>Andrea Chénier</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Aida	<i>Aida</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Elvira	<i>Ernani</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Floria Tosca	<i>Tosca</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, Music Director
Cio-Cio-San	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jeffrey Brody, 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

## MUSICAL THEATRE - Partial Roles

### Longwood Opera - Needham, MA

Lillian Holiday	<i>Happy End</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Scott Nicholas, Music Director
Carlotta	<i>Phantom</i>	J. Scott Brumit, Director Jean Anderson Collier, Music Director

### CONCERT:

Featured Artist	<i>Music to Cure MS Benefit Concert</i> Opera Arias	Marion Leeds Carroll, Director	2010 - 2019
Featured Artist	<i>Opera in Concert</i> Opera Arias	Seven Hills Symphony / Greater Worcester Opera	2019
Featured Artist	<i>Summer Concert Series</i> Opera Arias and Scenes	Longwood Opera J. Scott Brumit, Director	2012 - 2018
Featured Artist	<i>Summer Sings at Southgate</i> Opera and Operetta Arias	Worcester Schubertiade Sondra Kelly, Artistic Director	2018
Featured Artist	<i>A Grand Night for Singing</i> Opera Arias and Scenes	Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Director Eric Mazonson, piano	2017
Featured Artist	<i>New Year's Needham</i> Opera Arias and Scenes	Longwood Opera J. Scott Brumit, Director	2012 - 2016
Solo Recitalist	<i>Vissi d'arte - Vissi d'amore. Così è la vita!</i> Opera Arias and Art Songs	Yukiko Oba, piano	2014
Featured Artist	<i>Music Celebrating Women</i> Opera Arias	Marion Leeds Carroll, Director Joseph Reid, piano	2014
Featured Artist	<i>Studio Recital – Students of Sondra Kelly</i> Puccini's <i>Vissi d'arte</i> Verdi's <i>Pace, pace mio Dio</i>	Mark McNeill, piano	2013
Featured Artist	<i>Sopranopalooza!</i> <i>Annual Gala Opera Benefit</i>	Greater Worcester Opera Elaine Crane, Director	2011 - 2013
Featured Artist	<i>Summer Concert Series – Opera Gala</i> Opera Arias and Scenes	Greater Worcester Opera Elaine Crane, Director	2010 - 2012
Featured Artist	<i>Studio Recital – Students of Sondra Kelly</i> Massenet's <i>Pleurez, pleurez mes yeux!</i>	Mark McNeill, piano	2011
Featured Artist	<i>Operatic Chestnuts</i>	Marion Leeds Carroll, Director David Goldhirsch, piano	2011
Solo Recitalist	<i>Mozart to Puccini &amp; More</i> Opera Arias	Olga Rogach, piano	2009
Featured Artist	<i>Quadrivium Benefit Concert:</i> Opera Arias	Alumni Club of Worcester Jeanne Drumm, piano	2009
Featured Artist	<i>Holiday Program:</i> Opera Arias and Holiday Music	Opera Worcester Paul Shannon, piano	2006
Featured Artist	<i>Holiday Outreach Program</i> Opera Arias and Holiday Music	Lowell Opera Judi Lemoine, Director	2005

### ORATORIO:

Soprano Soloist	Handel's <i>Messiah</i>	Maplewind Youth Orchestra Russell Killough-Miller, Director	2015, 2017 2013
Soprano Soloist	Respighi's <i>Laud to the Nativity</i>	First Baptist Church/Worcester, MA William Ness, Director	2012
Soprano Soloist	Bach's <i>Cantata No. 131 Aus der Tiefe</i>	Jagan-Nath and Friends Ensemble	2011
Soprano Soloist	Handel's <i>Messiah</i>	Worcester Youth Orchestra Audrey White, Director	2010

## ORATORIO (Continued):

Soprano Soloist	Haydn's <i>The Creation</i> ( <i>The Heavens are Telling trio</i> )	Calliope, Inc. Julia O'Toole, Director	2009
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
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	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
Soprano Soloist	<i>Music at the Meeting House</i>	Master Singers of Worcester Malcolm Halliday, Director	2004
Soprano Soloist	<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:

Guest Soprano Soloist/ Section Leader	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sudbury, MA	Corey de Tar Director of Music	2019
Guest Cantor / Schola Quartet Soprano	St. Steven's Parish Worcester, MA	Lucia Clemente Falco, Director of Music	2017
Guest Soloist	Bethel Lutheran Church Auburn, MA	Lois Toeppner, Minister of Music	2017
Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sudbury, MA	Lois Toeppner, Minister of Music	2012 - 2016
Guest Section Leader	St. Paul's Episcopal Church Natick, MA	Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Director of Music	2016
Guest Soloist	First Church of Christ, Scientist Beverly, MA	Roberta Cassety, Organist	2012 - 2016
Cantor	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Milford, MA	Saeah Lee / Robert Blake, Directors of Music	2014 - 2015
Guest Soloist	First Church of Christ, Scientist Weston, MA	Paula Fiore, Music Chairperson	2015
Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	St Anthony of Padua Parish Revere, MA	Robert Carson, Minister of Music	2009 - 2012

## LITURGICAL (Continued):

Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	First Baptist Church Worcester, MA	William Ness, Minister of Music	2007 - 2012
Soprano Soloist	First Congregational Church Boylston, MA	Dennis Deyo Minister of Music	2010 - 2012
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 Clemente Falco, Minister of Music	2004 - 2010
Soprano Soloist/Section Leader	The Congregational Church West Medford, MA	Herman Weiss, Director of Music	2010
Soprano Soloist	Wesley United Methodist Church Worcester, MA	Scott Lamlein Leroy Hanson, Ministers of Music	2004 - 2008 1984 - 1988
Soprano Soloist	Christ Church Fitchburg, MA	Marjorie Ness, Minister of Music	2004

## *Awards and Recognition*

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Certified Artist	Classical Singer Competition		2019
First Alternate	Connecticut Concert Opera's American Opera Idol Competition		2013, 2017
Semi-Finalist	The American Prize in Vocal Performance – Opera/Operetta Division		2011, 2012, 2014
Alternate	Connecticut Concert Opera's American Opera Idol Competition		2011, 2012
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