

Karen Amlaw, Soprano

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Ms. Amlaw has been a semi-finalist in the Peter Elvins Vocal Competition as well as in the Opera Division of multiple American Prize Competitions. She has been featured in programs across Massachusetts with Longwood Opera, Opera Worcester, Lowell Opera, Mass Theatrica, Greater Worcester Opera, Worcester Schubertiade, Calliope Inc. of Boston, and Seven Hills Symphony. In 2017 she portrayed the mother in Longwood Opera's well received production of *Hansel & Gretel*. Recently Ms. Amlaw made the move to live in New York City where she looks forward to contributing to the opera scene.

Her education includes a BA in psychology with a minor in music from the University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music where her principal instrument was violin. She is currently under the tutelage of former Metropolitan Opera conductor Maestro Steven Crawford.

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