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OPERA ROLES

KEY: ◆ Partial / * Upcoming Performance

Bersi (Cover)*	<i>Andrea Chénier</i>	Royal Opera House	2024
Mary (Cover)*	<i>Der fliegende Holländer</i>	Royal Opera House	2024
Second Maid*	<i>Elektra</i>	Royal Opera House	2024
Suzuki (Cover)*	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Royal Opera House	2024
Kate Pinkerton*	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Royal Opera House	2024
Echo	<i>Hansel und Gretel</i>	Royal Opera House	2023
Marta	<i>Iolanta</i>	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra	2023
Giovanna	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Royal Opera House	2023
Mercédès (Cover)	<i>Carmen</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2023
Carmen (Study Cover)	<i>Carmen</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2023
Toledo (Cover)	<i>The Falling and the Rising</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera	2023
Kendra	<i>The Cook-Off</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2023
Nancy	<i>Albert Herring</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2023
Dritte Dame	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Merola Opera Program	2022
Tawny Betty	<i>Quamino's Map</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2022
Bertha (Cover)	<i>Fire Shut Up In My Bones</i>	Lyric Opera of Chicago	2022
Tree Spirit	<i>The Beekeeper</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2022
Ib (Cover)	<i>Becoming Santa Claus</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2021
Mercédès (Cover)	<i>Carmen</i>	Chicago Opera Theater	2021
Carmen ◆	<i>Carmen</i>	Finger Lakes Opera	2021

AWARDS

Winner	<i>ASOC Competition</i>	American Opera Society of Chicago	2023
Finalist	<i>Butler Opera International Competition</i>	Butler Opera	2023
Semi-Finalist	<i>Annapolis Opera Vocal Competition</i>	Annapolis Opera	2023
Semi-Finalist	<i>Pasadena Vocal Competition</i>	Pasadena Vocal Competition	2023
Encouragement Award	<i>Illinois District</i>	Laffont Competition	2022
Semi-Finalist-Tier I	<i>James Toland Vocal Competition</i>	James Toland Vocal Arts Inc.	2022
Semi-Finalist	<i>Irene Dalis Vocal Competition</i>	Opera San José	2022
Lynne Harvey Award	<i>Musician's Club of Women Competition</i>	Musician's Club of Women	2022
Encouragement Award	<i>Illinois District</i>	Laffont Competition	2021
Semi-Finalist	<i>Annapolis Opera Vocal Competition</i>	Annapolis Opera	2021
Semi-Finalist	<i>Rochester International Vocal</i>	Rochester Oratorio Society	2020
Semi-Finalist	<i>Premiere Opera/NYIOP Competition</i>	Premiere Opera Foundation	2020

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Jette Parke Artist	Royal Opera House	2023-2025
Apprentice Artist	Des Moines Metro Opera	2023
Young Artist	Merola Opera Program	2022
Young Artist	Chicago Opera Theater	2021-2023
Opera Performance Diploma	Roosevelt University	2021-2023
Tomita Young Artist	Finger Lakes Opera	2021
M.M./Performance & Literature	Eastman School of Music	2017-19
Young Artist	Si Parla, Si Canta	2017,19
B.M./Voice Performance	University of Central Arkansas	2012-17

COACHES: Laurann Gilley, Kathleen Kelly, Carrie-Ann Matheson, Gary Matthewman, Gerald Martin Moore, Jonathan Papp, Howard Watkins

CONDUCTORS: Patrick Furrer, Jane Glover (D.B.E), Jeri Johnson, Kelly Kuo, Timothy Long, Jorge Parodi, Lidiya Yankovskaya

DIRECTORS: Brenna Corner, Stephanie Havey, Kimille Howard, Gina Lapinski, Oliver Mears, Peter Rothstein

TEACHERS: Dr. Martha Antolik, Kathryn Cowdrick, Judith Haddon (Current Teacher)

RELATED SKILLS: Conversational Italian, Intermediate German and French, Basic Russian, Basic Piano, Basic Dance, Stage Combat