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Singing Experience

Upcoming Roles

Frasquita	<i>Carmen</i>	Jeunesses Musicales Tour	Spring 2012
Blondchen	<i>Die Entführung aus dem Serail</i>	Opera Nova Scotia	May 2012
Königin der Nacht	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Maritime Concert Opera	June 2012
Luisa Miller	<i>Luisa Miller</i>	Opera Nova Scotia	May 2013

Completed Roles

Rosina	<i>Barbiere de Siviglia</i>	Merola Opera Centre	August 2011
Morgana	<i>Alcina</i>	Pocket Opera of New York	March 2011
Sophie	<i>Werther</i>	Opéra de Montréal	January 2011
Page	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Opéra de Montréal	September- October 2010
Gilda (Understudy)	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Opéra de Montréal	September- October 2010
Marie	<i>La fille du Régiment</i>	International Vocal Arts Institute	July 2010
Gertrude	<i>Nelligan</i>	Atelier Lyrique de l'ODM	March 2010
The Shepherd Boy	<i>Tosca</i>	Opéra de Montréal	February 2010
Erste Kind	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Opéra de Montréal	November 2009
Königin der Nacht (understudy)	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Opéra de Montréal	November 2009
Frasquita	<i>Carmen</i>	European Academy of Music	July 2009
Piper (Understudy)	<i>Jack Pine</i>	Vancouver Opera in the Schools	January - May 2009
Gretel	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	UBC Opera	December 2008
Tytania	<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Banff Centre of the Arts	July and August 2008
Chatte, Rossignol, Rainette	<i>L'enfant et les Sortilèges</i>	Memorial University	May and June 2008
Tatiana Blavinskeya	<i>The Dream Healer</i>	UBC Opera	March 2008
Working Girl	<i>La Boheme</i>	UBC Opera	January 2008
Papagena	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Halifax Opera Workshop	August 2007
Cinderella	<i>Cendrillon/ Cenerentola</i>	Memorial University	May and June 2007
Ingvildur/Puffin	<i>The Vinland Traveler</i>	Memorial University	May and June 2006
Don Ettore	<i>La canterina</i>	Memorial University	May 2006
Sandman	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Memorial University	May 2005
Rose Maybud	<i>Ruddigore</i>	Gilbert and Sullivan Society of NS	April 2003

Concerts and Recitals

Concert à plein Air	Festival de Sainte Eustache	Summer 2012
Recital Series	St Moritz, Montreal	January 2012
Messiah	Orchestra London	December 2011
La Magie de Mozart	Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal	February 2011
Aleacanto	Atelier Lyrique de L'Opéra de Montréal	November 2010
Hommage à la Musique Tchèque	Orchestre Symphoniques des Jeunes de Montréal	November 2010
Magie de Noël	Orchestre Symphoniques des Jeunes de Montréal	December 2010
Les Amoureux Célèbres	Atelier Lyrique de L'Opéra de Montréal	Spring 2010
Bach B Minor Mass	Symphony Nova Scotia, Halifax	March 2010
Noël à l'opéra	Orchestre Métropolitain, Montreal	December 2009
Open Air Concert Opera Excerpts	Teplice Symphony, Czech Republic	July 2009
Messiah	Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra	December 2007

Orchestral Conductors

David Agler	Richard Barrett	Norbert Baxa	Dwight Bennett
Les Dala	Johannes Debus	Doug Dunsmore	Jeff Joudry
Erich Kunzel	Stephane Laforest	Louis Laviguer	Mark Morash
Jorge Parodi	Tyrone Paterson	Joseph Pietraroia	Paul Nadler
Vernon Regehr	Alain Trudel	Jean-Marie Zeitouni	

Stage Directors

Nancy Hermiston	Michael Cavanagh	Normand Chouinard	Marie-Lou Dion
Christopher Dawes	Erwin Maas	François Racine	Roy Rallo
Kelly Robinson			

Education

Merola Opera Centre	San Francisco Opera	June-Aug 2011
Atelier lyrique	L'Opéra de Montréal	2009- 2011
Banff Centre	Banff Centre Opera as Theatre	June-Aug 2008
Masters of Music	University of British Columbia	2007-2009
Bachelor of Music	Memorial University of Newfoundland	2004-2007

Voice Professors

Nancy Hermiston	Gerald Martin Moore	Paula Rockwell	Caroline Schiller
Anna Skibinsky	Cesar Uloa	Sylvie Verret	

Coaches

Louise-Andrée Baril	David Boothroyd	Tracy Dahl	Tom Diamond
Mary Lou Dion	Richard Epp	Judith Forst	Esther Gonthier
Andrea Grant	Leslee Heys	Robert Holliston	Warren Jones
Martin Katz	Kathryn LaBouff	Mark Morash	Pierre McLean
John Norris	Michael Onwood	Jérémie Pelletier	Laurent Phillippe
Claude Webster	Robin Wheeler		

Prizes and Bursaries

Merola Opera Program Scholarship	2011
Fonds d'insertion en carrière from l'Opéra de Montréal	May 2011
Jaqueline Desmarais Foundation for young Candian Opera Singers	2010, 2011
l'Opéra de Montréal Administration Bursary	June 2010
George London Competition Finalist Honorable Mention	March 2010
Prix Lyrique Hariclea Darclee-Michel Buruiana	November 2009
Finalist in Orvieto Spazio Musica Competition in Orvieto Italy	August 2009
Jeunes Ambassadeurs Lyriques Laureate	2009, 2010
Joseph and Melitta Kandler Scholarship to Mozarteum	April 2009
MET Opera Competition's Audience Choice Award at Regional Level	February 2009
MET Opera First Encouragement Award	February 2009
Fourth China International Vocal Competition Semi Finalist	October 2008
Ben Heppner, Mildred Johnson, Erika Nalos Kurth, Burt Harris Memorial Scholarships	September 2008
Portia White Award, Nova Scotia Talent Trust Fund	December 2007