

Anna McMahon

Soprano, Educator

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EDUCATION

- Artist Diploma in Vocal Performance** 2023
University of Colorado, Boulder – Boulder, CO
Major Professors: Jennifer Bird, Dr. Leigh Holman, Dr. Jeremy Reger, Dr. Mutsumi Moteki
Graduate Assistant
- Master of Music in Vocal Performance** 2019
Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI
Major Professors: Melanie Helton, Dr. Elden Little
Graduate Assistant in Voice and Musicology Grading Assistant
Summa cum laude
- Bachelor of Music in Applied Voice (Vocal Performance)** 2016
University of Houston – Houston, TX
Major Professors: Cynthia Clayton, Joseph Evans, Buck Ross, Dr. Betsy Cook Weber, Dr. Anne Reitz
Senior Honors Thesis
Minor in German Language Studies
Summa cum laude, University Honors with Honors in Major
- German Level B1 Certificate** 2015
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt – Eichstätt, Bavaria, Germany
Intensive German Language Course & Cultural Studies

EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Boulder, CO**
- Liturgy Coordinator** 2020 – Present
Train students in public speaking to read at church services, prepare and create readings, coordinate with teachers and clergy.
- Children's Choir Director** 2017, 2021 – Present
Plan and rehearse musical selections with children's choir for performances at weekly and monthly church services.
- Teacher's Aide** 2017, 2020 – 2021
Assist teachers in preparing physical classroom materials, assisting in-class activities including proctoring reading exams, assisting with large student projects, and general classroom management assistance, grades preschool through 8th.
- Distance Learning Coordinator** 2020 – 2021
Assist students, families, and teachers in coordinating remote and hybrid learning via Zoom and Google classroom, troubleshoot technological issues in person as well as via digital and phone communication, prepare student assignments for physical and digital distribution.
- Substitute Teacher** 2020 – 2021
Teach art and music classes to all grade levels and teach full classroom instruction days preschool through 5th grade, adapt and create lesson plans for all teaching positions.

University of Colorado, Boulder

Musicianship Skills Tutor

2021 – Present

Work one-on-one with undergraduate singers to improve application and development of various musical skills to more efficiently, accurately, and independently teach themselves music.

Eklund Opera Theatre Singers Coordinator

2022 – Present

Assist in coordination of outreach events, serve as performance emcee, assist in performance setup and takedown.

Audition Proctoring

2021 – 2022

Coordinate schedule between audition panel and auditionees, greet incoming auditionees and serve as school ambassador, troubleshoot technology for virtual auditionees via Zoom.

Grading

2021

Provide individual feedback and grades for weekly written student assignments for History of Rock and Roll course.

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Grading Assistant

2018 – 2019

Provide detailed individual written feedback to students on bi-weekly written assignments for undergraduate and graduate level students for musicology courses History of Opera, Music of the Baroque Era, and Music, Gender, and Sexuality.

Graduate Assistant Voice Instructor

2017 – 2018

Teach private voice lessons to non-voice majors.

Nanny and Child Care Provider

2019 – Present

Provide child care services for families and small groups of children ages 4 – 12. Assist with school assignments, plan engaging educational activities promoting social-emotional and academic learning through play.

ARTISTIC EMPLOYMENT

Classical Singer (Soprano)

2012 - Present

Perform as a professional soloist/chorister with church and professional ensembles (specific credits listed below).

Cantor

2008 – Present

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Churches, Boulder, CO

Lead congregation in musical worship as a solo cantor and support volunteer choir soprano section. Weekly services, weddings, funerals.

Staff Singer, Cantor

2017 – 2019

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, East Lansing, MI

Alternating soprano and alto section leader, solo cantor for televised outreach services, weddings, funerals, directing rehearsals and services in absence of director.

Staff Singer, Cantor, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX

2014 – 2015

Alto section leader, solo cantor for weekly rehearsals and services.

OPERATIC PERFORMING EXPERIENCE – COMPLETE ROLES

Cendrillon	<i>Cendrillon</i>	Eklund Opera	2023
Musetta	<i>La Bohème</i>	Eklund Opera	2022
Despina	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Opera North	2022
Annina	<i>La Traviata</i>	Opera North	2022
Violetta Valery (cover)	<i>La Traviata</i>	Opera North	2022
Violetta Valery	<i>La Traviata</i>	Eklund Opera	2021
Cendrillon	<i>Cendrillon</i>	Opera in the Ozarks	2021
Barbarina	<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	Boulder Opera Company	2021
Micaela *	<i>Carmen</i>	Vincero Academy	2021
Dater 28	<i>Zoom Speed Dating Tonight On Zoom</i>	Brevard Music Center Alumni	2020
Giulia	<i>La Scala di Seta</i>	Michigan State Opera Theatre	2019
Adele	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Michigan State Opera Theatre	2018
Nannetta (cover)	<i>Falstaff</i>	Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance	2018
Rose Maurant	<i>Street Scene</i>	Michigan State Opera Theatre	2018
Mother	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Michigan State Opera Theatre	2017
Rose Maurant	<i>Street Scene</i>	Janiec Opera Company	2017
Abigail	<i>The Crucible</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2016
Belinda	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Emerald City Artist Institute	2016
Annushka	<i>Anna Karenina</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2016
Despina	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2016
Javotte	<i>Manon</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2015
Page	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2014
Bridesmaid	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2013
Third Spirit	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Opera Colorado	2006

*Denotes complete role studied.

SOLOIST PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

Soprano soloist	<i>Requiem</i> (Verdi)	Michigan State University	2022
Soprano soloist	Voices of Angels	The Muses Project	2020*
Soprano soloist	A Celtic Spring	The Muses Project	2020
Soprano soloist	<i>Ein deutsches Requiem</i>	Broomfield Symphony Orchestra	2020
Soprano soloist	Voices of Angels	The Muses Project	2019
Soprano soloist	<i>Orpheus and Euridice</i> (Gordon)	Michigan State University	2019
Soprano soloist	<i>Requiem</i> (Fauré)	St Thomas Aquinas	2019
Soprano soloist	Musique 21 Concert	Michigan State University	2018
Soprano soloist	<i>Chants d'Auvergne</i> (excerpts)	Michigan State University	2018
Soprano soloist	<i>Elijah</i>	Michigan State University	2018
Soprano soloist	<i>Crucifixion</i> (Stainer)	St. Thomas Aquinas	2018
Soprano soloist	<i>Regina Coeli</i> (Mozart)	Michigan State University	2017
Soprano soloist	<i>Membra Jesu Nostri</i> (Buxtehude)	University of Houston	2016
Soprano cover	<i>Carmina Burana</i>	University of Houston	2015

*Denotes canceled due to Covid-19

ENSEMBLES/CHORUSES PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

Chorus	<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Opera in the Ozarks	2021
Chorus	<i>Tosca</i>	Opera Colorado	2020*
Chorus	<i>Falstaff</i>	Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance	2018
Chorus	<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Janiec Opera Company	2017
Chorus	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Janiec Opera Company	2017
Chorus	<i>Verdi Requiem</i>	Brevard Music Festival	2017
Chorus	<i>Florenzia en el Amazonas</i>	Emerald City Opera	2016
Chorus	<i>Die Entführung aus dem Serail</i>	Houston Symphony Orchestra	2015
Chorus	<i>L'elisir d'amore</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2015
Chorus	<i>Les Contes d'Hoffmann</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2014
Chorus	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2014
Chorus	<i>Il cappello di paglia di Firenze</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2013
Bridesmaid/Chorus	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2013

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EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ROLES

Nannetta	<i>Falstaff</i> (scenes)	Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance	2018
Lauretta	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2015
Papagena	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Moore's Opera Center	2013

NEW MUSIC EXPERIENCE

CU New Opera Workshop	<i>Joan of the City</i> by Kamala Sankaram	University of Colorado, Boulder	2022
Fresh Inc Festival	Premiered student and resident composer chamber compositions	Kenosha, WI	2019
Musique 21 Concert	Herryman "Memorial," Biedenbender "Shell and Wing" (cover)	Michigan State University	2018

YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAMS

Opera in the Ozarks	Inspiration Point, AR		2021
Vinceró Academy	Virtual		2021
Opera Fort Collins Resident Artist	Fort Collins, Colorado		2020
Dandelion Opera Institute	Virtual		2020
Collaborative Piano Institute Vocal Academy	Louisiana State University (Virtual)		2020
Fresh Inc Festival	Kenosha, WI		2019
Lauren Flanigan's Audition Boot Camp	New York, NY		2018, 2019
Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance	New York, NY		2018
Janiec Opera Company	Brevard Music Center, NC		2017
Young Artists Vocal Academy	Houston Grand Opera		2016
Emerald City Opera Artist Institute	Steamboat, CO		2016
Le Chiavi di Bel Canto	Houston, TX		2015

CHORAL PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

Substitute singer	Colorado Bach Ensemble	Denver, CO	2022
Member	University Chorale	Michigan State University	2017 – 2019
Section Leader	Concert Chorale	University of Houston	2015 – 2016

Member	Concert Chorale	University of Houston	2013 – 2016
Member	Concert Women’s Chorus	University of Houston	2012

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Encouragement Award Winner	Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Colorado/Wyoming District	2021
Winner	Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition	2021
Winner	Career Bridges Young Artist Grants	2019
Winner	Harold Haugh Light Opera Vocal Competition	2019
Finalist	American Vocal Arts’ International Collegiate Singing Championship	2019
Grant Recipient	MSU Running Start Competition	2019
Recipient, Withrow Career Building Endowment	Michigan State University College of Music	2019
Recipient, Travel and Research Fellowship	Michigan State University Graduate School	2019
Recipient, Vocal Scholarship	Michigan State University College of Music	2019
Recipient, Choral Scholarship	Michigan State University College of Music	2019
Recipient, Graduate Fellowship	Michigan State University College of Music	2019
Graduate/Advanced Winner	NATS Great Lakes Region Auditions	2018
Division Winner	NATS Great Lakes Region Auditions	2018
Recipient, Vocal Scholarship	Michigan State University College of Music	2017
Recipient, Music Director’s Scholarship	University of Houston Moores School of Music	2016
Recipient, Katy Dixie Scholarship	Houston Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota	2016
Recipient, German Studies Excellence Award	University of Houston German Department	2016
National Semi-Finalist	Classical Singer Competition	2016
Recipient, Sword of Honor	Beta Pi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota	2015
Recipient, Honors College Scholarship	University of Houston	2013 – 2016
Recipient, Vocal Scholarship	University of Houston Moores School of Music	2013 – 2016
Recipient, Second Year German Book Award	University of Houston German Department	2015
Recipient, First Year German Book Award	University of Houston German Department	2014
National Semi-Finalist	Classical Singer Competition	2012, 2011, 2010
Winner	Denver Philharmonic Vocal Competition	2012

TEACHERS

Jennifer Bird-Arvidsson	University of Colorado, Boulder
Julie Simson	Colorado
Melanie Helton	Michigan State University
Elizabeth Blancke-Biggs	New York
Cynthia Clayton	University of Houston
Joseph Evans	University of Houston
Mary Louise Burke	Colorado

CONDUCTORS

Octavio Más-Arocas	Michigan State University
Nicholas Carthy	University of Colorado, Boulder
Louis Burkot	Opera North
David Bursell	Broomfield Symphony Orchestra
Steven Mosteller	Michigan State University
Hal France	Michigan State University
Richard Cordova	Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance
Robert Moody	Brevard Summer Music Festival
Caleb Harris	Brevard Summer Music Festival
Tyson Deaton	Brevard Summer Music Festival
Andres Cladera	Opera Steamboat
Robert Frankenberry	Opera Steamboat
Dr. Raymond Harvey	University of Houston
Dr. Brett Mitchell	University of Houston

DIRECTORS

Dr. Leigh Holman	University of Colorado, Boulder
Jennifer Williams	Opera North
Andres Hager	Opera North
Melanie Helton	Michigan State University
Ian Campbell	Martina Arroyo Prelude to Performance
Dean Anthony	Brevard Music Festival
Buck Ross	University of Houston
Robert Neu	Opera Steamboat
Adam Pribila	Opera Steamboat
David Ward	University of Houston

COACHES

Dr. Mutsumi Moteki	University of Colorado, Boulder
Dr. Jeremy Reger	University of Colorado, Boulder
Sahar Nouri	Dandelion Opera Institute, HGO YAVA
Elena Lacheva	University of Houston, Dandelion Opera Institute
Dr. Ana Maria Otamendi	University of Houston, Dandelion Opera Institute
Dr. Elden Little	Michigan State University
Bill Lewis	Lauren Flanigan's Audition Bootcamp
Michael Recchiuti	Lauren Flanigan's Audition Bootcamp
Brian Suits	University of Houston
Cheryl Lindquist	Opera Steamboat
Beth Nielson	Opera Steamboat
Bradley Moore	HGO YAVA
James J. Myers	Boulder, Colorado

COMPOSERS

Kamala Sankaram	New Opera Workshop	2022
Tom Cipullo	Private coaching	2022
Ricky Ian Gordon	Private coaching	2019
Julia Adolphe	Fresh Inc Festival	2018
Evan Snyder	Fresh Inc Festival	2019

MASTERCLASS PARTICIPATION

Ailyn Pérez	Vinceró Academy	2021
David Lomeli	Vinceró Academy	2021
Pierre Vallet	Dandelion Opera Institute	2020
Stefano de Peppo	Dandelion Opera Institute	2020
Lisette Oropesa	Collaborative Piano Institute	2020
Ana di Archuleta	Lauren Flanigan's Opera Bootcamp	2018, 2019
Ken Benson	Lauren Flanigan's Opera Bootcamp	2018, 2019
Renée Fleming	Michigan State University	2018
Michael Chioldi	Lauren Flanigan's Opera Bootcamp	2018
Richard Bonyngne	Michigan State University	2017
Leonore Rosenberg	Michigan State University	2018
Teri Hansen	Michigan State University	2017
David Ronis	Michigan State University	2017
Pamela Armstrong	Emerald City Opera	2016
Rachel Willis-Sørensen	University of Houston	2014

LANGUAGE STUDY

German	5 years language study, summer semester abroad
French	3 semesters language study, lyric diction
Italian	1 semester, lyric diction
Spanish	7 years language study

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity

Former Recording Secretary, Bylaws Choir, Honors Committee Chair and Program Chair of Beta Pi Chapter

Member, Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society

Member, Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society