



MELANIE ASHKAR

mezzo-soprano

OPERA

- Adah | Naughty Marietta | Winter Opera St. Louis ● 2024
- Metella | La Vie Parisienne | L'Opéra Comique de Washington
- Floßhilde | Das Rheingold & Götterdämmerung | Tundi Productions
- Mercédès | Carmen | Opera Western Reserve ● 2023
- Gertrude | Roméo et Juliette | New York City Opera
- Flora (cover) | La Traviata | Virginia Opera
- Flora | La Traviata | OperaDelaware & Opera Baltimore
- Siegfrune | Die Walküre | Tundi Productions
- Mother | Amahl and the Night Visitors | Bel Cantanti Opera ● 2022
- Madame de la Haltière | Cendrillon | Peabody Opera Theatre
- Catherine | Le Loup-garou | Opera Southwest
- Mallika (cover) | Lakmé | Washington Concert Opera
- Olga | Eugene Onegin | Skylark Opera Theatre
- Mlle Dangeville (cover) | Adriana Lecouvreur | Baltimore Concert Opera ● 2021
- Witch | Hansel and Gretel | Pacific Opera Project ● 2021
- Mercédès | Carmen | Hogfish Regenerative Theatre* ● 2020
- La Madre | Madama Butterfly | Central City Opera ● 2019
- Clotilde | Norma | Utah Opera
- Second Lady | The Magic Flute | Utah Opera
- Fox | The Little Prince | Utah Opera
- Stéphano (cover) | Roméo et Juliette | Utah Opera ● 2018
- Dritte Dame | Die Zauberflöte | Central City Opera
- Ida | Die Fledermaus | Utah Opera
- Orlofsky (cover) | Die Fledermaus | Utah Opera
- La Ciesca | Gianni Schicchi | Utah Opera
- La Maestra/La Ciesca | Suor Angelica/Gianni Schicchi | Prelude to Performance ● 2017
- Earth | Los Elementos | New York City Opera
- Elf 3 (cover) | La Campana Sommersa | New York City Opera
- Bradamante | Alcina | OperaRox Productions
- Jo | Little Women | Mannes Opera ● 2016
- Lucretia | The Rape of Lucretia | Utopia Opera
- Older Woman | Flight | Mannes Opera ● 2015

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EDUCATION

Mannes College, MM, Voice
Georgetown University, MS, Linguistics
University of Virginia, BA, Music & Linguistics

TRAINING

Opera Southwest
Utah Opera
Central City Opera
Martina Arroyo's Prelude to Performance
Caramoor Bel Canto

TEACHERS | COACHES

Darrell Babidge	Carol Anderson
Braeden Harris (current)	Kamal Khan
Diana Soviero	Joy Schreier

CONDUCTORS | DIRECTORS

Anthony Barrese	Tara Faircloth
Domenico Boyagian	Josh Shaw
Brian Garman	Scott Skiba

CONCERT

- Soloist | Alma & Gustav Mahler Songs | Canton Symphony Orchestra ● 2024
- Alto Soloist | The Stranger (Arnesen) | Arlington Chorale
- Contralto Soloist | Petite Messe Solennelle (Rossini) | Oratorio Society of Virginia ● 2023
- Soloist | River Concert Series - Songs of Leonard Bernstein | Chesapeake Orchestra
- Alto Soloist | Mass in C Major (Beethoven) | Chesapeake Chorale ● 2020
- Featured Soloist | Candide (Bernstein) | Utah Symphony ● 2019
- Alto Soloist | Messiah (Handel) | Utah Symphony ● 2018

AWARDS

- Finalist | Gli Opera Competition ● 2023
- Audience Favorite | Opera Piccola's "Opera Idol" Competition ● 2021
- Winner | The Montpelier Arts Center Virtual Classical Recital Competition ● 2019
- Encouragement Award | Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, Nebraska ● 2018
- Encouragement Award | The Schuyler Foundation for Career Bridges Grant Awards ● 2016
- Finalist | The Gerda Lissner Foundation Lieder/Art Song Vocal Competition
- Second Place | National Federation of Music Clubs, Women's Voice, New York ● 2015

* performance affected by COVID-19