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Choral and Oratorio Work

Venetian Vespers: Music by Monteverdi & His Circle	Chorworks	2026
Soprano soloist: Handel's Chandos Anthem No. 7	Charlotte Bach Festival	2026
Soprano soloist: BWV Cantata No. 9	Charlotte Bach Festival	2026
Handel Messiah and Vivaldi Gloria	Charlotte Bach Festival	2026
Dualis Ensemble	Baltimore, MD	2026
JS Bach: Missa in A Major and Motets	Chorworks	2025
NEXT Ensemble	Peabody Institute	2024-2026
Peabody Camerata	Peabody Institute	2024-2026
Peabody Renaissance Ensemble	Peabody Institute	2024-2026
Lorelei Ensemble, Student Collaboration	Lorelei and Peabody Camerata	2025
Ockeghem Project	Blue Heron and Peabody Institute	2024
Founder and Director: Renaissance Singers Ensemble	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2024
CMU Singers	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2020-2024

Opera Roles

Dorinda	<i>Dafne (Reutter)</i>	Amherst Early Music Festival	2025
Mercury	<i>The Judgement of Paris</i>	Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival	2025
Satirino	<i>La Calisto (Cavalli)</i>	Peabody Opera Theater	2025
Cleonilla	<i>Ottone in Villa (Vivaldi)</i>	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2024
Madame Silberklang	<i>Der Schauspieldirektor</i>	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023
Maiden (Cover)	<i>Der Kaiser von Atlantis</i>	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023
Ensemble	<i>Considering Matthew Shephard</i>	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2022
Clarice	<i>Die Welt auf dem Mond</i>	Middlebury College German for Singers	2022
First Spirit	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Pittsburgh Opera	2021
Lepido (Cover)	<i>Silla (Handel)</i>	Chicago Summer Opera	2021

Workshops & Festivals

Lute Society of America "LuteFest" Vocal Scholarship	2026
Chorworks	2026
Charlotte Bach Festival: Soprano Vocal Fellow	2026
Amherst Early Music Festival	2025
Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival	2025
Chorworks	2025
Classic Lyric Arts, Berkshires	2023
Middlebury College German for Singers Program	2022
Chicago Summer Opera	2021
Crittenden Opera Workshop	2017

Education

Peabody Conservatory – M.M. in Historical Performance in Voice	2024-2026
Carnegie Mellon University – B.F.A in Vocal Performance, minors in Linguistics and German	2020-2024

Teachers

Randall Scarlata
Sari Gruber
Michael Hernandez

Coaches

Adam Pearl
Ellen Rissinger
Richard Stone

Directors

Thomas Douglas
Beth Willer
Antony Walker

Master Classes

James Taylor
Michael Hix
Daniel Moody

Honors & Awards

Encouragement Award	Handel Aria Competition	2026
Launch Grant Recipient	Peabody Institute	2025
Valedictorian, class of 2024	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2024
Kate Neal Kinley Fellow	Kinley Foundation	2024
Annapolis Opera Competition Finalist	Annapolis Opera	2023
Presser Award Recipient	The Presser Foundation	2024
Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society Member	Theta Xi CMU Division	2023
CMU Philharmonic Soloist Competition: 2nd Place	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023
Harry G. Archer Philharmonic Soloist Award	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023
Derdeyn Scholarship in Voice (2x)	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023, 2024
Max Kade Scholarship Recipient (2x)	Max Kade Foundation	2022, 2023
Dean's List, 4 years	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2020-2024

Teaching Experience

Hebrew School and Tefillah Teacher & Youth Group Organizer, Beth Am Synagogue	2025-2026
Apex Arts Voice Teacher, Broadneck High School, Annapolis, MD	2024-2025
Summer Teaching Fellow and Choir Director, Northfield Mt. Hermon School	Summer 2024
CMU Department of Modern Languages, German Language Assistant	2023-2024
Summer Camp Music Counselor at Loretto Club 44 All-Girls Camp	Summers of 2015-2019

Jewish Music

Service Leader and Organizer, Hillel of Johns Hopkins University	2026-present
Lay-leader: Beth Am Synagogue, Baltimore, MD	2025-Present
The Golden Thread: A Concert Series exploring Near-Eastern Jewish Song	2026

Skills

Language: English - native speaker. German - advanced. French, Italian, Hebrew - intermediate.

Other Instruments: Piano, Guitar, Recorder