

Zoë Chessa, soprano

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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

Concert and Choral Work

JS Bach: Missa in A Major and Motets	Chorworks	2025
Carmina Burana	Peabody Institute	2025
Peabody Renaissance Ensemble	Peabody Institute	2024-2025
Lorelei Ensemble, Brady Symphony No. 11	Lorelei and Peabody Institute	2025
Ockeghem Project: Early Renaissance Vocal Music	Blue Heron and Peabody Institute	2024
Founder and Director: Renaissance Singers Ensemble	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2023
CMU Singers	Carnegie Mellon School of Music	2020-2024

Honors & Awards

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	Highest Scoring Junior	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

Workshops & Festivals

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

Sari Gruber
Randall Scarlata
Allan Glassman

Coaches

Adam Pearl
Ellen Rissinger
Mark Trawka

Directors

Thomas Douglas
Tyson Deaton
Antony Walker

Master Classes

James Taylor
Michael Hix
Christopher Meerdink

Teaching Experience

Apex Arts Voice Teacher, Broadneck High School, Annapolis, MD	2024-2025
Summer Teaching Fellow, 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

Skills

Language: English - native speaker, German - C1, French - B1, Italian - A2, Russian - A1, Biblical Hebrew - A2
Other: Piano - 5 years, Guitar - 2 years, Recorder - 1 year