



ERIN NAFZIGER, SOPRANO

The “consistent, well-balanced, and beautiful [voice]” of soprano **Erin Nafziger** (*Berkshire Review for the Arts*) dazzled audiences as Nella in *Gianni Schicchi*, where it was noted that she “soar[ed] above the others with her effortless high pianissimo soprano during the lullaby, ‘goodnight baby boy’” (*Berkshire Fine Arts*). Ms. Nafziger was also featured in *The Marriage of Figaro* as Countess Almaviva at the Adams Memorial Theater. She is a frequent soloist with the Williams Chamber Players, Hubbard Hall Opera, and The New Opera, shining in such roles as Micaëla in *La Tragédie de Carmen*, and Belinda in *Dido and Aeneas*.

Equally at home on the concert stage, Ms. Nafziger’s “beautiful voice” and “musicianship to match” (Mark Riggelman) leave a lasting impression. Recent performances include the soprano solos in *Ein Deutches Requiem* (Brahms), *Symphony No. 9* (Beethoven), *Les Noces* (Stravinsky), *Messiah* (Handel), *Carmina Burana* (Orff), *Magnificat* (J.S. Bach), *Requiem* (Fauré), *Grand Pianola Music* (Adams), and *Hodie* (Vaughan Williams).

Noteable roles in Ms. Nafziger’s repertoire include Mimì in *La Bohème*, Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte*, Soeur Constance in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, Adèle in *Die Fledermaus*, Adina in *L’Elisir d’amore*, Frasquita in *Carmen*, Sophie in *Der Rosenkavalier*, Mélisande in *Pelleas et Mélisande*, Cunegonde in *Candide*, Semele in *Semele*, Gilda in *Rigoletto*, Anne Trulove in *The Rake’s Progress*, and Jenny in *Company*, many of which she has performed throughout the country to great acclaim.

Ms. Nafziger received First Prize in the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen Vocal Concerto Competition, Third Place in the Bel Canto Foundation Competition, and was the recipient of *the Francesco and Hilda Riggio Award* of the New England Regional Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. In addition, she was a recent finalist in the Rochester Oratorio Society’s Classical Idol Vocal Competition.

Upcoming performances will include appearances as Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel* with City Chamber Opera, *Bachianas Brasilieras* with the Williams Chamber Players, and *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* with The Berkshire Symphony.

Ms. Nafziger is a graduate of the DePaul University and Northwestern University schools of music, and is a vocal professor and ensemble director at Williams College and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.



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OPERATIC REPERTOIRE

Beethoven:

Marzelline – Fidelio

Bellini:

Giulietta – I Capuleti e i Motecchi

Bernstein:

Cunegonde – Candide

Bizet:

Micaëla - La Tragédie de Carmen

Frasquita – Carmen

Leïla - Les pêcheurs de perles

Donizetti:

Norina – Don Pasquale

Marie – La fille du régiment

Gounod:

Juliette - Roméo et Juliette

Händel:

Cleopatra – Giulio Cesare in Egitto

Semele – Semele

Humperdinck:

Gretel - Hänsel und Gretel

Léhar:

Hanna Glawari – Die lustige Witwe

Massenet:

Manon – Manon

Sophie – Werther

Mozart:

Pamina, Papagena - Die Zauberflöte

Susanna, Countess – Le nozze di Figaro

Zerlina – Don Giovanni

Despina – Così fan tutte

Ilia – Idomeneo

Poulenc:

Soeur Constance – Les dialogues de Carmelites

Puccini:

Mimì, Musetta – La bohème

Lauretta, Nella – Gianni Schicchi

Liù – Turandot

Purcell:

Belinda – Dido and Aeneas

J. Strauss:

Adele – Die Fledermaus

R. Strauss:

Sophie – Der Rosenkavalier

Zdenka – Arabella

Stravinsky:

Anne Trulove – The Rake's Progress

Verdi:

Oscar – Un ballo in maschera

Gilda – Rigoletto

Nanetta – Falstaff

Weber:

Ännchen - Der Freischütz

Weill:

Rose – Street Scene



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ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE

Adams:

Grand Pianola Music

Bach:

Magnificat
St. Matthew Passion
Cantata BWV 199
Cantata BWV 68
St. John Passion
Cantata BWV 140

Barber:

Knoxville: Summer of 1915

Beethoven:

Symphony No.9

Berlioz:

Les Nuits d'Été

Brahms:

Ein Deutsches Requiem

Fauré:

Requiem

Handel:

Messiah

Haydn:

Lord Nelson Mass
The Creation

Mendelssohn:

Elijah

Mozart:

Requiem
Vesperae Solennes de Confessore
Grand Mass in C minor

Orff:

Carmina Burana

Rossini:

Petite Messe Solennelle

Schubert:

Mass in G

Stravinsky:

Les Noces

Vaughan Williams:

Hodie
Dona Nobis Pacem

Villa-Lobos:

Bachianas Barislieras

Vivaldi:

Gloria



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OPERA COMPANIES/THEATERS

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REVIEWS

“The three ladies of the family also provide a great energy and visual interest. Erin Nafziger in pink and gold brocade and a tasteless fur crown, soars above the others with her effortless high pianissimo soprano during the lullaby, “goodnight baby boy”.

Berkshire Fine Arts

“Erin Nafziger sang her floating high notes in the ensembles warmly and individually...always singing, never pushing her voice beyond beauty.”

Berkshirereview.net

“Nafziger...had great stage presence” and “a sweet voice that captivated the audience every time she sang. The audience was mesmerized when she sang the heart wrenching classic “You’ll Never Walk Alone” from Carousel. Nafziger also shone when she sang “Mister Snow” from Carousel, becoming the character of Carrie Pipperidge in her interpretation.”

The Williams Record



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