

Praised by the press as "an excellent actress, with a dark-timbered, mezzo-soprano voice" of "outstanding vocal range," Jennifer Kosharsky is an accomplished mezzo-soprano whose powerful performances have captivated audiences and critics alike. Her portrayal of Princess Eboli in Verdi's *Don Carlo* for Houston's Opera in the Heights inspired acclaim, with reviewers calling her "a powerhouse mezzo...velvet voiced...a supple mezzo [that] raised the roof." According to The Elgin Review, "her dark, polished tone reminds you of exquisite contralto voices from another continent and centur while her strength and control in the upper register demonstrate her remarkable tessitura".

Jennifer's upcoming engagements include performing the role of Amneris in Verdi's *Aida* with Prolírica de Antioquia in Colombia and Verdi's *Requiem* with Chicago Choral Artists. Most recently, she joined The Joffrey Ballet in Yuri Possokhov's Anna Karenina by Ilya Demutsky, appearing in productions at both the Lyric Opera of Chicago and The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

In the summer of 2024, she covered two dramatic leading roles—Baba in Menotti's *La Medium* (Italian Version) and La Madre in Dallapiccola's *II prigioniero* with Opera Festival Chicago. In 2023, highlights include Jennifer's debut as Santuzza in Mascagni's *Cavalleria rusticana* with the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra and performances of Beethoven's *Mass in C Major* with the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra.

In 2022, Jennifer debuted with Chicago's Folks Operetta as Wirten in the American premiere of Korngold's *Die Kathrin*, part of the Korngold Festival at the University of Chicago. Signature operatic roles in her diverse repertoire include Dalila in *Samson et Dalila* (St. Petersburg Opera, West Bay Opera), the title role in *Carmen* (Teatro Lirico D'Europa), and Preziosilla in Verdi's *La forza del destino* (Da Corneto Opera), Suzuki in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* (Golden Gate Opera, Elgin Opera, Muddy River Opera, Music by the Lake)

Jennifer has also enjoyed a distinguished concert career, with engagements as a soloist in works such as Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*, De Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, Verdi's *Requiem*, Saint-Saëns' *Le Déluge*, and Handel's *Messiah*. She has appeared with esteemed orchestras, including Music of the Baroque (Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*) and the Traverse City Symphony Orchestra, and made her European debut with the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra in Croatia, performing Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*.

A graduate of DePaul University, Jennifer began her musical journey as a professional flutist before transitioning to opera. She has garnered recognition as a finalist and winner in numerous prestigious vocal competitions, including the Classical Singer International Emerging Professional Competition, the Marcella Sembrich Vocal Competition, the MacAllister Awards, and the Union League Civic and Arts Foundation Vocal Competition. She has also competed internationally, reaching the semi-finals in both the Tito Gobbi International Competition and the Gian Battista Viotti International Music Competition in Italy.



OPERATIC REPERTOIRE

Bellini:

Adalgisa – Norma

Romeo – I Capuleti e i Montecchi

Berlioz:

Marguerite - La damnation de Faust

Bizet:

Carmen - Carmen

Dallapiccola:

La Madre – Il prigioniero

Donizetti:

Leonora – La favorita

Korngold:

Die Wirtin - Die Kathrin

Mascagni:

Lola, Santuzza – Cavalleria rusticana

Massenet:

Charlotte – Werther

Menotti:

Madama Flora (Baba) – La Medium

Moore:

Augusta - The Ballad of Baby Doe

Mozart:

3rd Lady – *Die Zauberflote* Sesto – La clemenza di Tito Dorabella – Cosi fan tutte

Offenbach:

Giulietta – Les contes d'Hoffmann

Puccini:

Suzuki – Madama Butterfly Suor Zelatrice, La Badessa – Suor Angelica

Purcell:

Dido - Dido and Aeneas

Romberg:

Clotilde – The New Moon

Rossini:

Rosina – Il barbiere di Siviglia Isabella – L'Italiana in Algiers

Saint Saens:

Dalila – Samson et Dalila

Verdi:

Preziosilla – La forza del destino

Eboli – Don Carlo

Flora – *La traviata*

Fenena – Nabucco

Amneris - Aida

Wagner:

Grimgerde – Die Walkure



ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE

Bach: De Falla: Magnificat El Amor Brujo

Beethoven: Handel: 9th Symphony Messiah

Choral Fantasy

Mass in C major Haydn: Mass in time of war **Brahms:**

Alto Rhapsody Verdi: Requiem

CONDUCTORS

Robert Ashens Jose Luis Moscovich Anthony Barrese Stephen Blackwelder Gregory Buchalter Roger Cantrell Keith Chambers Michael D. Costello Jeff Eckstein Christine Flasch Jane Glover Geoffrey Gallegos

Alexander Katsman Linus Lerner Peter Lipari

Nam Yun Kim Francesco Milioto Andrea Molina Philip Morehead Alvaro Ramirez Kevin Rhodes Scott Schoonover Barbara Schubert Mark Sforzini Scott Speck Gregory Wajda Noorman Widjaja



OPERA HOUSES/THEATERS

Lyric Opera of Chicago
The Kennedy Center
Teatro Metropolitano - Medellin
Union Avenue Opera
Miami Lyric Opera
Teatro Lirico D'Europa
Music by the Lake
Chicago Cultural Center
New York City Opera

New York Lyric Opera Elgin Opera West Bay Opera Opera in the Heights Da Corneto Opea Intimate Opera Walton Arts Center St. Petersburg Opera West Bay Opera

REVIEWS

The Elgin Review

"At first, the dark, polished tone of mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky reminds you of exquisite contralto voices from another continent and century, but her strength and control in the upper register of Verdi's "Oh dischiuso è il firmamento" proves she can cover either part with her impressive tessitura."

Mark Averill

Houston Press

"Eboli is velvet-voiced Jennifer Kosharsky, whose immense yet supple mezzo raised the roof."

D.L. Grover

Houston Chronicle

"Powerhouse mezzo Jennifer Kosharsky as Princess Eboli gives a tour de force performance with her powerful and always perfectly placed vocals."

Buzz Bellmont

Houston Arts Week

"Mezzo soprano Jennifer Kosharsky is flawless as the jealous princes Eboli ... she sings really well" **John DeMers**

Art and Hockey Blog

"Jennifer Kosharsky's strong mezzo with touches of contralto, acted and sang with steely prowess the role of Princess Eboli. Her *O don fatale*, was greeted with applause."



REVIEWS (Cont.)

San Francisco Classical Voice

"Jennifer Kosharsky, the Suzuki, is an excellent actress, with a dark-timbred, attractive, mezzo-soprano voice. She showed a natural way with Puccini's music and gave strong declamatory emphasis to many of her lines."

Michael Zweibach

Marinscope Newspapers

"Madame Butterfly's caring and protective maid, sung by mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky, showed outstanding vocal range."

Cari Lynn Pace

El Nuevo Herald

"Jennifer Kosharsky, as Lola, was a right choice... with a well-supported mezzo voice and a seductive figure, she shined in her role performing it convincingly."

Daniel Fernandez

KDHX Theater Review

"The Queen's three attendants have some of the evening's most beautiful music and these three fine voices blend gorgeously."

Steve Callahan

Lyric Opera of Chicago performance in Anna Karenina with Joffrey Ballet in Chicago

"The music was beyond beautiful and memorable, performed live by the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra, accompanied in several scenes by the luminous voice of vocalist Jennifer Kosharsky"

Splash Magazines

"With live orchestration by the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra and vocals performed by Jennifer Kosharsky, the original score by Ilya Demutsky leaps off the stage"

The Buzz Center Stage



