

# Ashley Townsley

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## EDUCATION

### Graduate Artist Certificate in Opera

May 2024

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

### MM in Vocal Performance

2021

University of North Texas, Denton Texas

### BA in Voice Performance

2019

McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana

### BM (Vocal Performance, Advertising, Elementary Education) – partial completion

2015

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

## TEACHING

### Multi-District Voice Lessons Instructor

2014, 2021-present

Flower Mound High School, Lewisville Independent School District | Argyle High School, Argyle Independent School District | Katy Junior High School, Katy Independent School District

- Taught and managed a voice studio of thirty high school voice students.
- Classical Repertoire- including French, German, Italian, English Art Song, oratorio, operetta, and classical musical theatre.
- Prepared students for Texas All-State and Solo & Ensemble competitions.
  - Three students advanced to 23/24 TMEA Mixed Choir (two of which were 1<sup>st</sup> chair for sop 1 & sop 2)
  - Three students advanced to 23/24 TMEA Women’s Choir
  - More than twenty Solo & Ensemble participants received a superior rating in 2023 (two of which received “Outstanding Soloist” )

## Private School Beginner Piano and Voice Instructor

2017-2022

New Song School of the Arts, Argyle, TX | Starlight Music Lessons, Denton, TX | 4/4 School of Music, Denton, TX | Southwest Louisiana Music Studios, Lake Charles, LA

- Taught and managed a voice studio of fifteen-twenty students, aged range 5-70 years old (Virtual and In-Person)
- Genres taught include, but are not limited to, musical theatre, pop, country, and jazz.
- Used a classical teaching style mixed with contemporary to effectively communicate proper vocal technique with students.
- Assisted with the planning and organization of recitals and local competitions

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### McNeese State University Guest Recital and Masterclass Series, Lake Charles, LA

2023

- Prepared and performed a 45 Minute solo classical voice recital consisting of art song and arias of Handel, Mozart, Donizetti, Schumann, Fauré, Duparc, Rorem, Quilter, Moore, and Gordon.
- Conducted a public masterclass with 6 undergraduate students.
- Successfully helped each student improve in multiple areas including breathing, posture, tone production, pitch accuracy, and overall performance.

## LEAD ROLES

Despina	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Opera Arlington	2023
Stella	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	UNT Opera	2023
Susanna	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	UNT Opera	2022
Pamina	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	LAH Summer Opera Workshop	2022
Amore	<i>Orfeo ed Euridice</i>	UNT Opera	2021
Madame Goldentrill	<i>The Impresario</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop	2018
Johanna	<i>Sweeney Todd</i>	KC Productions	2017

## PARTIAL ROLES

Sister Constance	<i>Dialogues des Carmélites</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop Scenes	2019
Susanna	<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop Scenes	2019
Madame Goldentrill	<i>The Impresario</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop	2018

Cio-Cio San	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop Scenes	2017
Annchen	<i>Der Freischütz</i>	McNeese Opera Workshop Scenes	2017
Second Lady	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	University of Houston	2014

#### MUSICAL THEATRE

Hattie	<i>Kiss Me Kate</i>	McNeese Theatre	2017
Irene	<i>Footloose</i>	Stageworks Theatre	2017
Kate	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	Fort Bend Theatre	2014

#### CONCERT WORK

Soloist	Seven to Nine, Cheese, Wine..and Opera!	UNT Opera	2023
Soloist	Lord Nelson Mass (Haydn)	Louisiana Choral Foundation	2019
Soloist	Messiah (Handel)	Lake Charles Messiah Chorus	2018
Soloist	Rodgers & Hammerstein Showcase	McNeese State University	2018
Soloist	Una Serata di Opera	McNeese State University	2018
Soloist	Messiah (Handel)	Lake Charles Messiah Chorus	2016
Soloist	Coronation Mass (Mozart)	TMEA All-State	2012
Soloist	Pieces of 9/11 Memories from Houston (Heggie) <sup>+world premiere</sup>	Houston Grand Opera	2011

#### MASTERCLASSES

Allen Perriello, University of North Texas, Denton, TX	2023
David Portillo, University of North Texas, Denton, TX	2023
Kathleen Kelly, University of North Texas, Denton, TX	2023

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Concerto Competition Semi-finalist, University of North Texas	2022
Margot and Bill Winspear Opera Scholarship Recipient, University of North Texas	2022-2024
NATS Southern Region, Adult Women College Classical Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	2019
Juliet Hardtner Music Scholarship Recipient, McNeese State University	2018

NATS Southern Region, Senior Women College Classical Division 1 <sup>st</sup> place	2017
Honor Roll, McNeese State University	2017
President's Honor List, McNeese State University	2016
NATS Greater Houston Upper/Lower High School Classical Division 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2010,2012
Young Arts (Merit) Winner	2012
Classical Singer (First Round) 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2012
TMEA Texas Music Scholar Award	2012
On Your Way Student Classical Voice Competition Winner	2012
American Festival for the Arts YA Competition 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2012

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Soprano Section Leader** **2011-Present**

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Denton, TX

Westminster United Methodist Church, Houston, TX

- Sole soprano section leader in choir with 20 plus members.
- Performed multiple sacred solos monthly in collaboration with piano and organ.
- Prepared weekly traditional presbyterian hymns and choir anthems for service on Sunday.

#### REFERENCES

**Carol Wilson**, Professor of Voice

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