



# DORCAS GILES SIMMER

## Soprano

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### Performance Experience

#### ROLES

The First Spirit	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Manhattan Opera Studio	2014
Papagena (cover)	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Manhattan Opera Studio	2014
The wife	<i>Le pauvre matelot (English)</i>	Western Michigan University	2013
Soloist	<i>Die Fledermaus: A Night at the Ball</i>	Western Michigan University	2013
Tina	<i>The Red Mill</i>	Comic Opera Guild	2012
Suzy	<i>Le Nozze di Tutte (World Premiere)</i>	Hillsdale College	2005
Mary	<i>Of Thee I Sing</i>	Hillsdale College Tower Players	2004

#### SCENES

First wood sprite	<i>Rusalka</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2012
Rodelinda	<i>Rodelinda</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2012
Lakmé	<i>Lakmé</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2012
Susanna, Countess	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2011
Poppea	<i>L'incoronazione di Poppea</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2011

#### CHORUS

Chorus	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Opera Grand Rapids	2013
Chorus	<i>Samson and Delilah</i>	Opera Grand Rapids	2012
Chorus	<i>La Boheme</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2012
Chorus	<i>Carmina Burana</i>	Michigan Opera Theatre	2011
Chorus	<i>Carmen</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2011
Chorus	<i>The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein</i>	Comic Opera Guild	2011
Chorus	<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Arbor Opera Theater	2010

#### Concert & Recital

Soloist	Bach Cantata No. 18	WMU Collegium Musicum	2014
Soloist	Bach Cantata No. 51	Kalamazoo, Michigan	2014
Soloist	Pergolesi <i>Stabat Mater</i>	Kalamazoo, Michigan	2013
Soloist	<i>Mundo</i> , Mexican Premier	Opera Maya, Tulum, Mexico	2013
Soloist	<i>Bach Magnificat</i>	Kalamazoo Bach Chorus	2012

#### Awards & Distinctions

Orpheus National Music Competition	Semi-finalist	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	2014
William C. Byrd Competition	Semi-finalist	Flint, Michigan	2014
Graduate Award for Excellence in Teaching	Honorable Mention	Western Michigan University	2014
NATS Student Auditions, Category 13	First Place	Michigan Auditions, Ypsilanti, MI	2013
Papaya Playa Competition	Third Place	Opera Maya, Tulum, Mexico	2013
NATS Student Auditions, Category 13	Second Place	Great Lakes Region, Kalamazoo, MI	2013
WMU Concerto Competition	First Place	Kalamazoo, Michigan	2013
Harold Haugh Light Opera Competition	Semi-finalist	Jackson, Michigan	2012

#### Training

American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS)	Young Artist	Graz, Austria	2013
Opera Maya	Young Artist	Tulum, Mexico	2013
Arbor Opera Theater	Studio Artist	Ann Arbor, MI	2011-2012

#### Teachers

Martha Sheil  
 Karen Kness  
 Elizabeth Hagedorn  
 Caroline Rogers

#### Coaches

Ahmed Anzaldua  
 John Kolody  
 Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt  
 Shawn McDonald

#### Conductors

Sigurd Hinnemann  
 Robert Lyall  
 Suzanne Mallare Acton  
 Warren Puffer Jones

#### Directors

D. Terry Williams  
 Matthew Lata  
 Robert Swedberg

#### Master Classes

Ellen Hargis  
 Michèle Crider  
 Marius Stieghorst  
 John Cimino

#### Additional Experience

Graduate Assistant: Vocal Performance	Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo, MI	2012- 2014
Staff Singer	St. John's Episcopal Church	Detroit, MI	2009-present
Choral Manager	Hillsdale College	Hillsdale, MI	2002-2006
Box Office Assistant Manager	Actor's Theatre of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	2002-2003

#### Education

Western Michigan University	M. Music, Vocal Performance	Kalamazoo, MI	2012-2014
Hillsdale College	B.A. Music, Vocal Performance	Hillsdale, MI	2002-2006