

Jenny Heidtman

SINGER PIANIST TEACHER

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

THE *ORPHEUM* THEATRE

AND ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2015 – present

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2014 – present

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR- The Orpheum Theatre and Academy of Performing Arts

VOCAL FACULTY- Florida Southern College

VOCAL ARTS DIRECTOR – Geneva Classical Academy

EDUCATION

2007

2000

1998

MASTER OF MUSIC Georgia State University, magna cum laude

VOCAL AND OPERATIC ARTS Royal Academy of Music

BACHELOR OF MUSIC Florida Southern College, cum laude

BIOGRAPHY

PERFORMER

Jenny Heidtman was born and raised in Bartow, Florida. Jenny was musically inclined from an early age – singing her first vocal solo at age 4 and exhibiting great aptitude for the piano. She began competing at the local and state level in elementary school, winning awards and accolades beyond her years. Her first orchestral concerto engagement was at age 15 with the Imperial Symphony Orchestra. Vocal studies eventually led to Opera, and she found herself captivated by the Italian art of Bel Canto singing. As a mezzo soprano, she sang in opera roles across the US and an Italian Opera Festival Tour. Performances also include extensive oratorio engagements, solo recitals, cabaret, jazz, musical theatre, educational outreach and more.

TEACHER

Jenny's passion for teaching was born out of the incredible relationships she had with her teachers and mentors throughout her development. Her teaching philosophy is that one must find her own voice, develop healthy technique to support it, and above all else, sing from the heart to create beautiful music. Jenny has taught over 15 years, reaching students from age 8–80. Her students have been competition winners, stage and recording artists, and perform as far as California to New York, including the coveted Carnegie Hall.

DIRECTOR

Jenny's natural interest in architecture comes from her great grandfather, a carpenter who helped build Florida Southern College. Finding herself drawn to an abandoned building on Main Street Bartow, she uncovered the history of one of Florida's oldest opera houses. Jenny then started a non-profit organization and rallied the support of the community to renovate this building and create The Orpheum Theatre and Academy of Performing Arts.