

LESLIE HELENE SMITH

Dramatic Soprano

CONTACT INFORMATION:

1209 Miller Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-747-8759 (H), 734-905-2139 (cell)
arabella@divabella.com

UPCOMING: Recital sponsored by Arbor Opera Theater, April 2006

ROLES:

Lady Billows, *Albert Herring* - Intermezzo Opera Festival, July 2004
First Lady, *The Magic Flute* - Intermezzo Opera Festival, July 2004 - *cover*
Donna Anna, *Don Giovanni* - International Opera Workshop, July 2003
Anna Maurrant, *Street Scene* - Aspen Opera Theater Center, August 2002 - *cover*
Leonore, *Fidelio* - Aspen Opera Theater, July 2002 - *excerpt*
Tatyana, *Engene Onegin* - Aspen Opera Theater Center, July 2002 - *excerpt*
Leonora, *Il trovatore* - International Opera Workshop, July 2001 - *cover*
Magda, *The Consul* - Aspen Music School, August 2000 - *excerpt*
Katisha, *The Mikado* - University of Michigan G&S Society, April 2000
Witch, *Hansel & Gretel* - Michigan State University, March 2000
Mrs. Peachum, *The Threepenny Opera* - Opera Company of Mid-Michigan, February 1998

ROLES IN PREPARATION: **Ariadne**, *Ariadne auf Naxos*; **Leonora**, *La forza del destino*;

CONCERT SOLOIST: The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Ann Arbor, Copland's *In the Beginning*, May 2005; four Verdi concerts with the Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic and the Karlovy Vary Symphony, July 2001; roles performed include **Inez** (*Il trovatore*), **Flora**, **Annina** (*La traviata*), **Maddalena**, **Giovanna**, **Paggio** (*Rigoletto*); The Bach Chorale of Ann Arbor: Haydn *Paukenmesse*, Mozart *C Minor Mass*, excerpts, October 2000.

VOICE TEACHERS:

Edith Diggory
Vinson Cole
George Shirley

COACHES:

Steven Crawford
Kevin Bylsma
William Hobbs

DIRECTORS:

Michael Ehrman
Jay Lesenger
Ed Berkeley

EDUCATION:

Michigan State University School of Music, MM, Vocal Performance, 1997-2001
University of Michigan School of Music, MM, Musicology, 1991-1992, not completed
Douglass College of Rutgers University, BA, Art History, 1989
International Opera Workshop, Bulgaria, July 2003; Czech Republic, July 2001
Aspen Opera Theater Center, Aspen, Colorado, Summer 2002
American Institute of Musical Studies, Graz, Austria, Summer 1999

MISCELLANEOUS: Awards: Finalist, Great Lakes NATS Competition, Nov. 2000; Michigan NATS Competition, April 1998. Skills: piano, guitar, French, German, Italian.

REFERENCES: - **Edith Diggory**, 12910 Vernon, Huntington Woods, MI 48070. Phone: 248-547-0684.
- **Kevin Bylsma**, 2363 Scottwood Ave., Toledo, OH 43620. Phone: 313-510-5903.
- **Steven Crawford**, 815 W 181st St., 4-H, New York, NY 10033. Phone: 212-927-7914.