

**Diane Kalinowski** is an artist that "stands out, possessing an enormous voice of fine quality" (Patrick C. Byrne; <u>Belgian Opera Guide</u>). She recently performed the title role of *Tosca* with Opera Connecticut to enthusiastic acclaim including a review from Larry Kellum of <u>Town Times</u> applauding "...her voice is gorgeous, her high Bs and Cs (she has many) were gigantic bullseyes, her acting was sensitive, and her beautiful long pianissimo ending "Vissi d'arte" instantly showed this critic that she is a major talent in the making!"

Ms. Kalinowski has performed the roles of Marguerite in an adaptation of *Faust*, Lady Billows in *Albert Herring*, the New Prioress in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, the title role in *Suor Angelica*, Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*, Frasquita in *Carmen*, and Yum Yum in *The Mikado*. In addition to Opera Connecticut, she has been seen on the stages of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Annapolis Opera, New Jersey State Opera, and Rochester Lyric Opera.

No stranger to the concert stage, Ms. Kalinowski has performed numerous scenes and arias from *Madama Butterfly, Norma, La Forza del Destino, Aida,* Boito's *Mefistofele, Der Rosenkavalier,* and *Così fan tutte*. She has been the soprano soloist in Handel's *Messiah,* the Poulenc *Gloria,* the Mozart *Requiem,* and the Vivaldi *Gloria* and also sang Strauss's *Vier letzte Lieder* with the University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra at the beautiful Lied Center.

Ms. Kalinowski is the recipient of numerous awards including the Top 3 of 9 possible awards at the Annapolis Opera Voice Competition; Top Prize in the American Opera Idol Competition at Opera Connecticut; and Grand Prize in the LaDue Professional Recital Competition at Rochester Lyric Opera. She was selected as one of five finalists in the inaugural Elizabeth Connell Prize, an international competition for aspiring dramatic sopranos, in conjunction with the Joan Sutherland/Richard Bonynge Foundation, in Sydney, Australia.



### **OPERATIC REPERTOIRE**

**Boito:** 

Margherita - Mefistofele

**Britten:** 

Lady Billows – Albert Herring Ellen Orford – Peter Grimes Miss Jessel – The Turn of the Screw

Cilea:

Adriana - Adriana Lecouvreur

**Massenet:** 

Salomé - Hériodiade

Mozart:

Fioridiligi – Così fan tutte Donna Elvira/Donna Anna – Don Giovanni Elettra – Idomeneo Countess – Le nozze di Figaro

**Poulenc:** 

New Prioress – Dialogues des Carmélites

**Puccini:** 

Mimi – La boheme Minnie – La fanciulla del West Turandot – Turandot Cio-Cio San – Madama Butterfly Tosca – Tosca Suor Angelica – Suor Angelica Giorgetta – Il tabarro

**Strauss:** 

Ariadne – Ariadne auf Naxos

Verdi:

Aida – Aida Amelia – Un ballo in maschera Elizabeth – Don Carlo Lucrezia – I due Foscari Alice Ford – Falstaff Leonora – La Forza del Destino Luisa – Luisa Miller Desdemona – Otello Leonora – Il troyatore

Wagner:

Elsa – Lohengrin Elisabeth – Tannhäuser



### **ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE**

Beethoven: Mendelssohn:

Symphony No. 9 Elijah

Missa Solemnis

Mozart:

**Handel:** Requiem Messiah

Strauss:

Mahler: Vier letzte Lieder

Symphony No. 4 Verdi:

Messa da Requiem

### **CONDUCTORS**

Ward Holmquist Joe Illick
Doris Lang Kosloff Hugh Keelan
Ron Spigelman Frank Collura
Vera Volchansky Stephen Collanti

### **OPERA HOUSES/THEATERS**

Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Opera Connecticut

Rochester Lyric Opera

D'Angelo Opera Theatre

Annapolis Opera

New Jersey State Opera



### **REVIEWS**

#### **TownTimes.com Review**

#### **Tosca - Opera Connecticut**

In the title role, **Diane Kalinowski** is, and looked, younger than the norm (her wig perhaps?), and thus, a little more guttural thrust from the chest register a la Tebaldi would have been welcome. That said, her voice is gorgeous, her high Bs and Cs (she has many) were gigantic bullseyes, her acting was sensitive, and her beautiful long pianissimo ending "Vissi d'arte" instantly showed this critic that she is a major talent in the making!

#### **Larry Kellum**

#### Carmen - Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Of the gypsy friends surrounding *Carmen*, **Diane Kalinowski**, as *Frasquita*, stood out. She possesses an enormous voice of fine quality, and frequently dominated the ensembles. A good-sized figure did not hamper her intention to convey her seductive designs on several of the soldiers.

Patrick C. Byrne



