

Mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky has been described by the press as "an excellent actress, with a dark-timbered, mezzo-soprano voice" of "outstanding vocal range." Her portrayal of Princess Eboli in Don Carlo for Houston's "Opera in the Heights" inspired the press to call her: "a powerhouse mezzo...velvet voiced...a supple mezzo [that] raised the roof." The ElginReview says, "At first, the dark, polished tone of mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky remindsyou of exquisite contralto voices from another continent and century, but her strength and control in the upper register proves she can cover either part with her impressive tessitura."

Most recently, Jennifer joined The Joffrey Ballet for Yuri Possokhov's Anna Karenina by Ilya Demutsky for their 2023 productions at Chicago's Lyric Opera House and Kennedy Opera House in Washington D.C. Later this year, Ms. Kosharsky returns to the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra to make her debut as Santuzza in Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana as well as Beethoven's Mass in C Major with the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra.

She began her 2022 season debuting with Chicago's Folks Operetta performing the role of Wirten in the American premiere of Korngold's Die Kathrin for the Korngold Festival at University of Chicago. Signature opera roles include Eboli in Verdi's Don Carlo with Opera in the Heights in Houston, Dalila in Samson et Dalila by Saint-Saens with St. Petersburg Opera and West Bay Opera, title role in Bizet's Carmen with Teatro Lirico D'Europa, Preziosilla in Verdi's La Forza del Destino with Da Corneto Opera.

Soloist concert engagements include Brahm's Alto Rhapsody, De Falla's El Amor Brujo, Verdi Requiem, La Deluge by Saint-Saens, Handel's Messiah. Beethoven Choral Fantasy with Chicago's Music of the Baroque, Holiday Concert & Opera Gala with the Traverse City Symphony Orchestra in Michigan. She made her European debut with the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra (Croatia) as guest solo artist in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

Jennifer, a DePaul University graduate, started her musical career as a professional flutist. As an emerging singer, Jennifer won second place in the The Classical Singer International Emerging Professional Competition. She also received recognition as a finalist in the Marcella Sembrich Vocal Competition in New York City, a two-time regional winner for the National MacAllistar Awards (Chicago), a finalist in the Union League Civic & Arts foundation Vocal Competition (Chicago) and was a semi-finalist in both the Tito Gobbi International Competition and the International Gian Battista Viotti International Music Competition while in Italy.



## **OPERATIC REPERTOIRE**

**Bellini:** 

Adalgisa – Norma

Romeo – I Capuleti e i Montecchi

**Berlioz:** 

Marguerite – La damnation de Faust

**Bizet:** 

Carmen – Carmen

**Donizetti:** 

Leonora – La favorita

Mascagni:

Lola – Cavalleria Rusticana

Massenet:

Charlotte - Werther

Moore:

Augusta – The Ballad of Baby Doe

Mozart:

3<sup>rd</sup> Lady – *Die Zauberflote* Sesto – *La clemenza di Tito* Dorabella – *Cosi fan tutte*  Offenbach:

Giulietta – Les contes d'Hoffmann

Puccini:

Suzuki – *Madama Butterfly* Suor Zelatrice, La Badessa – *Suor Angelica* 

**Purcell:** 

Dido - Dido and Aeneas

**Romberg:** 

Clotilde - The New Moon

Rossini:

Rosina – Il barbiere di Siviglia

**Saint Saens:** 

Dalila - Samson et Dalila

Verdi:

Preziosilla – La forza del destino

Eboli – Don Carlo

Flora – La Traviata

Fenena - Nabucco

Wagner:

Grimgerde – *Die Walkure* 



# ORCHESTRAL/ORATORIO REPERTOIRE

Bach: De Falla: Magnificat El Amor Brujo

**Beethoven:**9th Symphony
Messiah

9<sup>th</sup> Symphony Mess Choral Fantasy

Verdi:
Brahms: Requiem

Alto Rhapsody

# **CONDUCTORS**

Robert Ashens Francesco Milioto Gregory Buchalter Andrea Molina Roger Cantrell Philip Morehead Keith Chambers Alvaro Ramirez Jeff Eckstein Kevin Rhodes Christine Flasch Scott Schoonover Jane Glover Barbara Schubert Geoffrey Gallegos Mark Sforzini Alexander Katsman Gregory Wajda Jose Luis Moscovich Noorman Widjaja Nam Yun Kim

## **OPERA HOUSES/THEATERS**

Union Avenue Opera Miami Lyric Opera Teatro Lirico D'Europa Music by the Lake Chicago Cultural Center New York City Opera New York Lyric Opera Elgin Opera West Bay Opera Opera in the Heights Da Corneto Opea Intimate Opera Walton Arts Center St. Petersburg Opera West Bay Opera



## **REVIEWS**

### The Elgin Review

"At first, the dark, polished tone of mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky reminds you of exquisite contralto voices from another continent and century, but her strength and control in the upper register of Verdi's "Oh dischiuso è il firmamento" proves she can cover either part with her impressive tessitura."

#### Mark Averill

#### **Houston Press**

"Eboli is velvet-voiced Jennifer Kosharsky, whose immense yet supple mezzo raised the roof."

#### D.L. Grover

#### **Houston Chronicle**

"Powerhouse mezzo Jennifer Kosharsky as Princess Eboli gives a tour de force performance with her powerful and always perfectly placed vocals."

#### **Buzz Bellmont**

### **Houston Arts Week**

"Mezzo soprano Jennifer Kosharsky is flawless as the jealous princes Eboli ... she sings really well" **John DeMers** 

### Art and Hockey Blog

"Jennifer Kosharsky's strong mezzo with touches of contralto, acted and sang with steely prowess the role of Princess Eboli. Her *O don fatale*, was greeted with applause."

### San Francisco Classical Voice

"Jennifer Kosharsky, the Suzuki, is an excellent actress, with a dark-timbred, attractive, mezzo-soprano voice. She showed a natural way with Puccini's music, and gave strong declamatory emphasis to many of her lines."

#### Michael Zweibach

#### **Marinscope Newspapers**

"Madame Butterfly's caring and protective maid, sung by mezzo-soprano Jennifer Kosharsky, showed outstanding vocal range."

## Cari Lynn Pace

#### El Nuevo Herald

"Jennifer Kosharsky, as Lola, was a right choice... with a well-supported mezzo voice and a seductive figure, she shined in her role performing it convincingly."

### **Daniel Fernandez**

#### **KDHX Theater Review**

"The Queen's three attendants have some of the evening's most beautiful music and these three fine voices blend gorgeously."

## **Steve Callahan**

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