

# HELEN DEWEY REIKOFSKI

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## **EDUCATION**

### **D.M.A. Vocal Performance-Opera Related Field**

University of North Texas – 2015

Dissertation: Singing in English in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Comparing and Applying the Tenets of Madeleine Marshall and Kathryn LaBouff

PI KAPPA LAMBDA – Music Honor Society

### **Master of Arts- Drama**

Texas Woman's University – December 2000

Thesis: Body of Work for the Master of Arts Degree: From Shakespeare to Sondheim

Nominated: Irene Ryan Acting Award- Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival-1997, 1998

Awards: Outstanding Graduate Student 1999-2000.

### **Master of Music- Vocal Performance**

Texas Tech University – December 1979

Thesis Performances as Marguerite (*Faust*-Gounod), Masters Recital, and Musetta (*La Bohème*-Puccini)

Graduate Teaching Assistant -1978-79

Voice Instructor- 1979. Temporary hire upon faculty member's medical leave.

### **Additional Graduate Studies and Workshops**

University of Northern Colorado- languages, advanced conducting- Dr. Howard Skinner, conductor

Northern Michigan University- voice instructor, additional vocal training, conducting- Dr. Douglas Amman

London Guildhall School of Music/ Homerton College, Cambridge, England- Dorothy Richardson, teacher

Richard Miller's Vocal Institute, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas

Alexander Technique, Feldenkreis, Estill Voice International –various venues

### **Bachelor of Music Education**

University of Northern Colorado --June 1977

Mortar Board National Honor Society

Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA)

Student Music Educators National Conference- (MENC) State President

DELTA OMICRON International Music Fraternity

Triple majoring in Music Ed, Vocal Performance, Theatre

**Additional Undergraduate** University of Denver – 1973-74

### **Dance and Acting Training** includes

Ballet, Tap, Modern- Beginning levels

Stanislavski and Meisner Technique- Intermediate and Advanced

Wesley Balk technique for Opera Acting, Intermediate

## **CERTIFICATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

National Association of Teachers of Singing

DFW Chapter NATS, President 1998-2000,

Governing Board 1994-1998, VP 2010

International Phonetic Association, 2015

American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA),

The Dallas Opera Chorus alternate representative

Former Texas Music Educators Association

Former Certified Music K-12, Colorado

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Ms. Beverly Hoch, [bhoch@twu.edu](mailto:bhoch@twu.edu); and Ms. Carol Lynn Mizell, [carollynn.mizell@gmail.com](mailto:carollynn.mizell@gmail.com).

## ***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

University of North Texas - 2011- to present  
Adjunct Professor in Theater, and Teaching Fellow in College of Music

Fine Arts Academy - 2012- to present  
Voice Teacher, Director of Vocal Studies  
First United Methodist Church, Denton, TX

Reikofski Performance Studio - 1976- present  
Private Studio Voice Teacher, Acting Coach  
Colorado, Michigan, Cambridge U.K., Lubbock, Texas and Denton, Texas

Presenter of Workshops - 1988 to present  
Meisner Technique, Health and Care of the Actor-Singer Voice, Auditioning for Music Theatre,  
Characterization through Dialect Choices, Speech for the Stage, Stage Makeup, and more

American School of London - 1982-85  
Adjudicator, annual vocal festival and scholarship competition

Department of Defense Schools, U.K. -1983  
Clinician -Choral Festival

Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan - 1980-81  
Adjunct Instructor, voice and Assistant Conductor, Marquette Choral Society

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas - 1978-79  
Part-Time Music Theory Tutor

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas - 1978-79  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, then temporary voice faculty for Gene Kenney studio

Roosevelt High School, Johnstown, Colorado-1977-78  
High School Choir Director  
Instructed High School Concert Choir and Show Choir  
Taught Music Appreciation as a general humanities credit

## ***DIRECTING EXPERIENCE (representative listing)***

### **Staging Director**

--Dallas Gilbert & Sullivan Company *HMS Pinafore*  
--Denton Light Opera Company *1776, Pirates of Penzance, Trial By Jury/ Cox and Box, Oh, Gershwin! Hansel and Gretel, Amahl and the Night Visitors*  
-- Denton Community Theatre *Forever Plaid, Brigadoon*  
-- Mei's Ensemble, Plano Texas *Evening of Opera*

### **Music Director and Producer**

-- Denton Community Theatre et al *Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma! Oh, Gershwin*  
-- Denton Light Opera Company *Pirates of Penzance, Trial By Jury/Cox & Box, HMS Pinafore, Elixir of Love*

**Stage Manager-** *Elisir d'amore* UNT Summer Opera 2008 University of North Texas

### **Assistant Music Director/Chorus Master**

-- Denton Light Opera Company *Seussical, Brigadoon*  
-- Denton Community Theatre *Big River, Damn Yankees*

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Ms. Beverly Hoch, [bhoch@twu.edu](mailto:bhoch@twu.edu); and Ms. Carol Lynn Mizell, [carollynn.mizell@gmail.com](mailto:carollynn.mizell@gmail.com).

### Vocal Coach/Diction Coach

--Denton Community Theatre *Waiting in the Wings, Cyrano de Bergerac* (also French Diction Coach),  
*It's a Wonderful Life, BIG, Man of La Mancha*

### Conductor

- Chapel Choir Director
  - Director of Music, Protestant Chapels
  - Director of Music, and Anglo American *Messiah* Concerts
- Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX  
KI Sawyer AFB, Marquette, MI  
RAF Mildenhall, UK

### PERFORMING EXPERIENCE (representative roles)

The Dallas Opera Chorus 2003- present, soprano

Maid	<i>Manon</i>	Massenet	The Dallas Opera
Mrs. Grose	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>	Britten	University of North Texas
Cinderella's Mother	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Sondheim	WaterTower Theatre, Dallas
Granny/ Lady Giant			
Ensemble	<i>Ragtime</i>	Flaherty & Ahrens	Lyric Stage, Irving
First Wife	<i>The Juniper Tree</i>	Kesselman	Kitchen Dog Theatre, Dallas
Lily	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Norman	Richardson Rep/ RCT
Lily	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Norman	Music Theater of Denton
Glinda/Auntie Em	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Harburg	Verizon Reads/TFM Productions
Contessa	<i>le nozze di Figaro</i>	Mozart	Rome Festival, Italy
Musetta	<i>la bohème</i> (Italian)	Puccini	Rome Festival, Italy
Abigail Adams	<i>1776</i>	Sherman Edwards	Little Theatre of the Rockies
Beulah Levy	<i>Last Night of Ballyhoo</i>	Alfred Uhry	Texas Woman's University
Janet	<i>Waiting for the Parade</i>	John Murrell	Texas Woman's University
Feste	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	William Shakespeare	Texas Woman's University
Lady Capulet	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	William Shakespeare	Denton Community Theatre
Josephine	<i>HMS Pinafore</i>	Gilbert/Sullivan	Cambridge Operatic Society, England
Mabel	<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	Gilbert/Sullivan	Swaffhams Operatic Society, UK
Portia	<i>Cinderella</i>	Rodgers	Chuckwagon Dinner Playhouse
Guinevere/Nimue	<i>Camelot</i>	Lerner & Loewe	multiple venues
Marian/ Mrs. Paroo	<i>The Music Man</i>	Willson	multiple venues
Anna	<i>The King and I</i>	Rodgers	Marquette, Michigan
Gretel	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Humperdinck	Denton Light Opera Company
Meg	<i>Damn Yankees</i>	Adler	Denton Community Theatre
Elsa	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Rodgers	Denton Community Theatre
Marguerite	<i>Faust</i>	Gounod	Texas Tech University
Musetta	<i>La Bohème</i> (English)	Puccini	Texas Tech University
Poppea	<i>The Coronation of Poppea</i>	Monteverdi	University of Northern Colorado
Countess	<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Mozart	University of Northern Colorado

## REPERTOIRE WITH THE DALLAS OPERA

Queen of Spades	Tchaikovsky	Russian	2003		
La Bohème	Puccini	Italian	2003	2009	2015
Jenufa	Janacek	Czech	2004		
La Traviata	Verdi	Italian	2004	2012	2017
Carmen	Bizet	French	2004	2013	
Tales Of Hoffmann	Offenbach	French	2005		
Luisa Miller	Verdi	Italian	2005		
Madama Butterfly	Puccini	Italian	2005	2017	
Nabucco	Verdi	Italian	2006		
Magic Flute	Mozart	German	2006	2012	
Maria Stuarda	Donizetti	Italian	2007		
The Merry Widow	Lehar	English	2007		
La Rondine	Puccini	Italian	2007		
Macbeth	Verdi	Italian	2007		
Lohengrin	Wagner	German	2007		
Tosca	Puccini	Italian	2008	2015	
Roberto Devereux	Donizetti	Italian	2009		
Otello	Verdi	Italian	2009		
Anna Bolena	Donizetti	Italian	2010		
Cosi Fan Tutte	Mozart	Italian	2010		
Romeo et Juliette	Gounod	French	2011		
Boris Godunov	Mussorgsky	Russian	2011		
Lucia di Lammermoor	Donizetti	Italian	2011		
Aida	Verdi	Italian	2012		
The Aspern Papers	Argento	English	2013		
Turandot	Puccini	Italian	2013		
Die Tote Stadt	Korngold	German	2014		
Great Scott	Heggie	English	2015		
Iolanta	Tchaikovsky	Russian	2015		
Manon	Massenet	French	2016		
Eugene Onegin	Tchaikovsky	Russian	2016		
Samson et Dalila	Saint Saëns	French	2017		
Norma	Bellini	Italian	2017		
Don Giovanni	Mozart	Italian	2018		