

EDUCATION AND

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I am a graduate of the American Musical & Dramatic Academy in New York City with undergraduate studies at the City College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University. Since 1982, I have been a member of Actors' Equity Association and in 1984 I joined the Screen Actors Guild. In New York City, I had the opportunity to perform in *Parsifal* at Carnegie Hall and in *Das klagende Lied* at Avery Fisher Hall. In Chicago, I have performed the role of Mrs. Nordstrom in *A Little Night Music* at both the Goodman Theatre and Ravinia Festival. I have also performed in productions at Light Opera Works, Marriott Lincolnshire and Drury Lane Oakbrook theatres. For two years I taught DePaul University's Community Music Division, Musical Theatre Workshop for Teens. I continue to perform throughout the Chicago area.

OBJECTIVES FOR EACH LESSON

Correct breathing techniques and melodic and lyrical phrasing are important focuses of each lesson. Each song is approached as an acting piece. Music theory will be taught to help students learn a song. This includes learning key and time signatures, scales, and sight singing. Different styles of music will be explored as well.

There will be a spring recital each year. Increasing student's repertoire and performance experience are key to these lessons. There will be a recital fee, which includes an accompanist and rental space.

It is crucial that students bring an audio tape to each lesson. Specific exercises will be taped during each lesson to make practicing easy and fun. A CD or tape will also be provided with the accompaniment of each student's selected recital pieces.

FEEES AND POLICIES

45 minute lesson \$35.00

1 hour lesson \$45.00

Payment for lessons is required on the day of the lesson or can be paid a month in advance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Students will be charged for a lesson if it is canceled less than 24 hours in advance.

MAKE-UP LESSONS:

Missed lessons must be made up within the same month at a time convenient for both instructor and student.

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