



Allison Arends, Junior Voice

Soprano **Allison Cecilia Arends** is a graduate of Calgary Opera's Emerging Artist Program, the University of Toronto Opera School (M.Mus), and the University of Victoria Voice Performance Program (B.Mus).

Having performed across Canada, the United States, Germany, Austria, Italy, England, Israel, and China, she is in high demand as an interpreter of opera, oratorio, and new music. Allison toured with the Brahms Symphony Orchestra across China in a series of Viennese concerts and was honored to perform at Rideau Hall, as well as for International

Dignitaries in Calgary and Toronto. She has received numerous awards and grants, including the Hnatyshyn Foundation Artist's Grant, a Metropolitan Opera Encouragement Award, and a B.C Arts Council Senior Award, among others.

In addition to her performing, Allison maintains a busy private music studio in Toronto, is a voice examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music, and regularly adjudicates music festivals from coast to coast. Having formerly taught for St. Michael's and Timothy Eaton Memorial's Choir Schools, Allison has conducted choral, vocal, and educational workshops and masterclasses for the Edna Manley Music College in Jamaica, University of Mississippi, British Columbia Provincial Music Festival, Grande Prairie Music Teachers' Association, Regina Conservatory of Music, Ryerson Oakham House Choir, Opera Atelier, and the Royal Canadian College of Organists.