

SANG-YUN KWEN • Coloratura Soprano

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BIOGRAPHY

Sang-Yun Kwen is a native of Korea. She graduated from Seoul National University in 1990 earning her undergraduate degree in vocal music. Awarded a scholarship to study opera at the famed Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, Sang-Yun graduated with honors in June 1997. She received the Merit Prize (given to only one student a year) for the most outstanding performance in Graduate School. While in Salzburg, she was the soloist in numerous performances of Masses by Mozart in the surrounding area. She also received a diploma from the Mozarteum in Art Song and Oratorio in June 1994. While at the Mozarteum, she performed Gilda, Despina, Olympia, Zerbinetta, Anna, Blonde, Queen of the Night, and Oscar.

While in Austria, Ms. Kwen was engaged as a guest artist for the opera companies of Linz and Lambach. She was also engaged as a soloist for ORF -Saal in Vienna. Upon coming to the United States Sang-Yun settled in Denver and won the Denver Lyric Guild Competition. From 1999-2000 she was a Young Artist with Opera Colorado. She and her husband then moved to Dayton, Ohio and Sang-Yun sang in the ensemble for Dayton Opera for a short season. Their residence now is located in Chicago. She has given recitals in Denver, Dayton, Seattle, and Chicago. A Mozart program tour took her throughout the USA in August 1996 to benefit the children of Yugoslavia.

She served as music director at Calvary Church of Assembly of God and currently serves as soloist at the Canaan Presbyterian Church.

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RESUME

OPERATIC EXPERIENCE

Schauspieldirector	W.A.Mozart	Madame Herz	Linz Opera, Austria	1995
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Magic Flute	W.A.Mozart	Queen of the Night	Mozarteum Orchestra	1995
Abduction from the Seraglio	W.A.Mozart	Blonde	Mozarteum Orchestra	1996
Gala Concert	Various	Soloist	Philharmonia Orchestra	1996
			Gyor in ORF-Saal, Vienna	
Cosi Fan Tutte	W.A.Mozart	Despina	Mozarteum Orchestra	1997
Sleeping Brother	Herbert Willi	Soloist	Grosser Saal, Salzburg	1997
Fidelio	Beethoven	Marzelina (cover)	Colorado Opera, USA	2000

ORATORIO

Numerous performances of Mozart masses in and around Salzburg, Austria	1995
Mozart program tour of the USA as a benefit for the children of Yugoslavia	1996
Requiem Fåure with Mozarteum Orchestra and Choir	1997
Soloist of Messiah at Calvin College, MI	2007

RECITALS AND CONCERTS

Soloist of toujours – Mozart	Salzburg, Austria	1998
Solo Lieder recitals	Seoul and Taegu, Korea	1998
Solo recitals Dayton OH, Denver CO		2006

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit prize (awarded to only one student a year) bestowed by the Austrian Minister of Science and Commerce, for the most outstanding performance in Graduate School	1997
Denver Lyric Guild Competition,	2000

YOUNG ARTIST

Young Artist, Opera Colorado	1999
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EDUCATION / TRAINING PROGRAM

Diploma (Degree) with honors, Graduate School, Department of Dramatic music performance (Opera), “Mozarteum” University, Salzburg, Austria	1997
Diploma (Degree), Graduate School, Department of Art song and Oratorios, “Mozarteum” University, Salzburg, Austria	1994
B.M., Department of Vocal Music, Seoul National University, Seoul Korea,	1990

LANGUAGE SKILLS – Korean, English, German

OTHER SKILLS - Piano and keyboard