

Gretchen Retka

Lyric Mezzo Singer/Actor/Dancer

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Recordings/Live Music

Live solo performances (Indonesia, Hawaii, California, Minnesota, Africa) 2012-current

SHE Beats-Hope Medford Album Release Minneapolis, MN 2014

Recordings with Hope Medford (Purify Album) Hawaii 2013-2014

Medicine for the People Tour 2012

Teaching

Live in Artist Ukulele & Voice 2015 Hawaii

Sacred Voice Workshops Voice as Medicine 2012-2016 Hawaii

Full Theatre Productions: Acting

Rune (Fringe Production) Song 2016 Intermediate Arts Minneapolis

One Billion Rising Dance/Poetry/Song 2013 Hawaiian Sanctuary, Hawaii

SHE Productions Original Poetry/Classical Aria 2013 Akebono Theatre, Hawaii

Seven: Vital Voices Annabella De Leon 2012 Chain Reaction Theatre Project

Box Office: A History First mate 2011 Bryant Lake Bowl Theatre

A Midsummer Night's Dream Helena 2011 Minnesota Shakespeare Co.

A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant & A Prayer (Memory: Dear Ama) 2011 HE® Productions, MN

As You Like It Hymen & Vocalist 2010 U of Minnesota Morris

The Vagina Monologues The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy 2010 UMM

Blind Date Mimi (the mime) 2007 Central Lakes College

The Man Who Came To Dinner June 2006 Central Lakes College

Opera Workshop Scenes: Singing/Acting

The Magic Flute Third Lady 2010 Wesley-Balk Opera Twin Cities

The Mother of Us All Anne 2010 Wesley-Balk Opera Twin Cities

On the Town Ensemble 2009 UMM

West Side Story: Tonight Anita & Ensemble roles 2009 UMM

West Side Story: A Boy Like That Anita 2009 UMM

Candide: Best of All Possible Worlds Cunegonde 2009 UMM

West Side Story Anita 2008 U of M Twin Cities

Dido and Aeneas Belinda 2008 UMN

Dance

Earthshake Dance Ensemble Dancer 2011-current Minneapolis, MN

Theatre: Technical

Art House Manager 2010 UMM

Adventures in Mating House Manager 2010 UMM

On-Camera/Voice Over

Polycom Training Modules Minneapolis, MN 2011 Touchpoint Consultants

Children's Storytelling/Yoga:

Youth Yoga Radiant Life Minneapolis 2016

Children's Yoga after school program Morris, Minnesota 2011

New Horizons Academy Minnesota 2011

Global Games: Funtime Funktions Minnesota 2012

Trash to Treasure Minnesota 2012

Select Training

University of Minnesota Morris, Bachelors in Music (Vocal Emphasis), Minor Theatre Arts (Performance Emphasis)

Central Lakes College Brainerd, Minnesota voice studies/physical acting training *Patrick Spradlin*

Six years of vocal study in Classical, Opera, and Jazz

Dialects, Voice & Diction (French, German, Italian, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Guatemalan, Russian, Pakastani, Persian) *Melissa Hansen, UMM*

Voice Study Teachers:

Sahar Hassan 08'-10' Private studies/St. Paul, MN

Ken Hodgson 08'-10' Private studies/Choir- University of Minnesota Morris

Rebecca Fadell 08' Private studies- University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota

Erin Schwab 07' Applied Voice McNally Smith College of Music

Judy Donaghy 07' Vocal Technique studies McNally Smith College of Music

Peggy Larson 07' Private studies- McNally Smith College of Music, St. Paul, Minnesota

Pam Harris 05'-07' Private studies- Central Lakes College

Michelle Sakry 05'-07' Applied Voice/Choir

Workshops & Master classes

Zap Mama	Oakland, CA	2015
Live in 2 months Zimbabwe (Mbira, Voice, Dance/Culture)	Zimbabwe, Africa	2015
Dialect coaching for <i>Seven</i>	<i>Foster</i>	2012
Vocal Master class	<i>Dr. Brian Manternach</i>	2010
NATS Vocal Competition	<i>St. Johns University</i>	2010
Wesley Balk Opera-Music Theater Intensive Nautilus Theater Institute	<i>Augsburg College, MN</i>	2010
Classical Singer Convention Audition Feedback Experience	<i>Times Square, NYC</i>	2010
Moment Work workshop with Tectonic Theater Project's developer	<i>Leigh Fondakowski</i>	2010
Acting workshop	<i>Roxanne Wellington</i>	2010
Thursday Morning Musical Vocal Competition		2010
NATS Vocal Competition	<i>St. Johns University</i>	2010
Singing Master-class	<i>Romanza</i>	2009
Two Jazz Master-classes	<i>Debbie Duncan</i>	2008
Classical Singing Master-class with African American Singer of the Year 1986	<i>Phillip Mentor</i>	2007

Awards & Training

Professional Birth Doula (Training with to Labor)-2012

Irene Ryan Scholarship Nominee partner of Casey Trujillo 2011

Published Article in Classical Singer Magazine "Why I Sing" 2010

Outstanding Performance Award- Central Lakes College 2007

Dance (Middle Eastern Belly dance, Indian, precision, hip hop, circus, jazz, tap, ballet)

300+ hour CYT (Certified Yoga Teacher)

Accents (Italian, French, Southern, Spanish, Guatemalan, Puerto Rican, Persian, Russian, Pakastani)

Languages studied: American Sign Language, Italian, some Hindi and French, Shona, Indonesian, learning Spanish

Instruments: Voice, Guitar, Piano, Ukulele, harmonica, Djembe drum

