

ESTHER FARRELL

(mezzo-soprano)

Esther Farrell
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Height: 5' 6"
Weight: 115 lbs

ACTRA/CAEA

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Academic

Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada: *Honours Bachelor of Music*

Canadian Bible College, Saskatchewan, Canada: *Sacred Music Studies*

University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada: *Bachelor of Science*

Vocal Training

Jessica Cash, Guildhall School of Music, London, England

Wendy Humphreys, Toronto, Canada

Victor Martens, Professor of Voice, Wilfrid Laurier University

Workshops

Wilfrid Laurier University Opera Workshop and Intensive Voice Studies in Performance
(including classes in dance and drama).

SELECT ENGAGEMENTS

Opera and Musical Theatre

2005 January – February	Porgy & Bess (Gershwin)	Ensemble	International Tour (Denmark, Germany, Italy) New York Harlem Productions <i>Conductor: William Barkhymer</i>
2004 July - September	Porgy & Bess (Gershwin)	Ensemble	International Tour (Austria, Sweden, Japan) New York Harlem Production <i>Conductor: Christopher Nance</i>
2004 April - May	Flux (Buhr)	Ensemble	Guelph Spring Festival Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony <i>Conductor: Glen Buhr</i> <i>Director: Margaret Sweatman</i>
2003 November	Oratorio Terezin (Fazal)	Chorus	World Premiere & recording George Weston Hall, Toronto <i>Conductor: Kirk Trevor</i>

1998 June - October	Porgy & Bess (Gershwin)	Ensemble	International Tour New York Harlem Productions <i>Conductor:</i> Christopher Nance
1997 Nov - Dec	Porgy & Bess (Gershwin)	Ensemble	Italy Tour New York Harlem Productions <i>Conductor:</i> William Barkhymer
1996 June	Sofonisba (Paer)	Osmida	Arts Club Centre Vancouver, B.C., Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Simon Capet <i>Producer:</i> The Rift Valley Opera Society
1995 - 1997	Showboat (Kern)	Ensemble & Ethel	North American Tour #1 <i>Director:</i> Harold Prince <i>Producer:</i> Live Entertainment of Canada
1995 September	Le Nozze di Figaro (Mozart)	Marcellina	St. Paul, Minnesota <i>Producer:</i> Melony Matthews
1994 - 1995	Showboat (Kern)	Ensemble	Ford Performing Arts Centre, North York, Ontario, Canada <i>Director:</i> Harold Prince <i>Producer:</i> Live Entertainment of Canada
1994	La Favorite (Donizetti)	Chorus	Lincoln Centre New York, N.Y., U.S.A. <i>Artistic Director:</i> Yves Abel <i>Producer:</i> L'Opera Francais de New York
1992	Cosi Fan Tutti (Mozart)	Dorabella	K-W Chamber Orchestra Waterloo, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Graham Coles <i>Producer:</i> Opera in Concert
1988 February	Porgy and Bess (Gershwin)	Annie	Jubilee Auditorium Calgary, Alberta, Canada <i>Director:</i> Christopher Newton

Conductor: Christopher Nance
Presenter: Olympic Arts Festival
Producer: Calgary Opera Assoc.

Solo Engagements

1998	February	Featured Soloist (George and Ira Gershwin)	The Centre in the Square Kitchener, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Newton Wayland <i>Producer:</i> K-W Symphony
1994	December	Guest Soloist Gloria (Vivaldi)	Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> David Davies
1994	February	Recital	St. Paul's Anglican Church Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1993	December	Alto Soloist Messiah (Handel)	Royal Theatre Victoria, B.C., Canada Victoria Symphony Orchestra <i>Conductor:</i> Peter McCoppin
1992	December	Soloist Christmas Oratorio (Saint-Saens)	Norfolk Singers <i>Conductor:</i> Ron Beckett Brantford & Simcoe, Ontario
1992	November	Solo Recital	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kitchener, Ontario <i>Organist:</i> Douglas Haas
1992	January	Guest Soloist Opera Gala	Knox Presbyterian Church Waterloo, Ontario
1991/92	season	Scholarship Soloist	Toronto Orpheus Choir <i>Conductor:</i> Brainerd Blyden- Taylor

Professional Choral

2003-	present	Chorister/Music in the	Elora Festival Singers/
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	schools instructor	Mendelssohn Choir Elora, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Noel Edison
2004	Chorister	Nathaniel Dett Chorale Toronto, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Brainerd Blyden-Taylor
1989- present	Section Leader	St. John's Anglican Church <i>Conductor:</i> Noel Edison
1989-1994	Chorister	Elora Festival Singers Elora, Ontario, Canada <i>Conductor:</i> Noel Edison
1988-1989	Section Leader	Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church Toronto, Ontario, Canada <i>Organist:</i> Michael Bloss