

Jane Christeson, mezzo-soprano, has had a varied career in opera, music theater, oratorio and recital work. After completing performance degrees in both piano and voice from the University of Alabama, she twice became a regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, and she has appeared with many regional companies, including Opera Grand Rapids, Cincinnati Opera, Orlando Opera, Whitewater Opera, Seaside Music Theater and Palm Beach Opera, and has performed as well with the Alabama Symphony, Pomereggio Musicale, the Mansfield Symphony and many other orchestras in the midwest and southeastern U.S. She has been heard on National Public Radio with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Vocal Arts Ensemble and Cincinnati Opera, and has also been featured in recital on FM 90 Plus on “Central Florida in Concert”. Formerly an Artist-in-Residence at Daytona State College, Ms. Christeson is currently a Professor of Voice at Stetson University, where she also teaches courses in Song and Opera Literature. Ms. Christeson’s most recent engagements include performances with Treasure Coast Opera in Verdi’s *Rigoletto* and the Orlando Ballet Company in their production of *Pirates!*, presented in Tampa and Orlando, and during the summer of 2007 she toured as soloist in the Scandinavian countries with combined choruses from Brevard. As a pianist she appeared in 2008 with the Stetson University Symphony Orchestra in a production of the William Walton opera *The Bear* at the Walton estate on the island of Ischia in Italy.

Ms. Christeson’s recent engagements include solo appearances in Handel’s *Messiah* in Ormond Beach and in Vero Beach with the Atlantic Classical Symphony, a concert with the Brevard Community Chorus, and the Brahms Alto Rhapsody with the Stetson University Wind Ensemble and Combined Men’s Choirs. She will appear in several Central Florida locations in recital during the spring, and will be heard as soloist in the Bach Mass in b minor with the Orlando Chorale and the Mozart Grand Mass in c minor in May of 2010.