

Shenika Ofor

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Education

Indiana University- Jacobs School of Music - Bloomington, IN

Doctor of Music in Music Literature and Performance

Certificate in Vocology 2023

Aug 2021 - Present, Course Work Completed, Dissertation in View

Voice Teacher: Dr. Brian Gill

Florida State University College of Music - Tallahassee, FL

Master of Music in Voice Performance

Sept 2016 - Aug. 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Voice

Voice Teacher: Professor Shirley Close

Committee Chair: Professor Valerie Trujillo

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance - Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Music- Voice Performance w/ Performing Arts Management Minor

Sept 2012 - May 2016

Voice Teacher: Professor George Shirley

Professional Training

Alice Houston Women's Leadership Program - Louisville, KY

February 2025 - July 2025

- Hosted by the Leadership Louisville Center, this immersive program brings together women executive leaders to enhance their leadership expertise, strengthen their ability to manage upward, and drive meaningful change that delivers results.

Teaching Experience

Shenika John Jordan Voice Studio, United States - Voice Teacher, Owner

June 2015 - Present

- Voice expert with 15 years of arts experience in Europe and the United States in venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Walt Disney Concert Hall.
- Guides singers and professional voice users with tools for musical performance and healthy voice practices.
- Teaches effective voice health and habilitation practices for injury prevention through certification in Vocology.

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL - Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Voice

2016 - 2018

- Instructor of applied voice lessons for undergraduate students on a professional track for musical theatre and acting careers.

- Worked directly with the Program Director of Music Theatre to accomplish curriculum initiatives and ensure student productivity.
- Supported students in professional development by sharing resources and offering additional preparation for critical opportunities.

Administrative Experience

The Lewis Prize for Music, Offsite - Head of Communications

May 2019 - December 2024

- Developed and implemented communication strategies for a \$20 million philanthropic project, funding over 80 youth organizations in the United States and U.S. Territories.
- Spearheaded communications engagement, exceeding recruitment goals by 60% with over 1,670 completed awards and grant applications.
- Oversaw national awards announcement campaign filmed across diverse locations, including the Navajo Nation, Guam, California, and Michigan.
- Supports executive leadership with crisis management messaging, board meeting presentations, and strategic stakeholder communications.

African American Choral Ensemble at Indiana University - Road Manager (Graduate Assistant)

August 2021 - May 2024

- Managed logistics for performances and collaborations, ensuring seamless execution of on-campus and external engagements for ensembles.
- Acted as a liaison between performers, faculty, and external stakeholders, fostering effective communication and coordination for successful events.
- Worked closely with the Institute Directors to execute their vision and achieve key ensemble goals, focusing on participant engagement and boosting student morale.

The Sphinx Organization, Ann Arbor-Detroit, MI and New York, NY - Liaison

2016 - 2018

- Collaborated with the special events manager and development team to successfully execute logistics during the Sphinx Virtuosi performance and gala at Carnegie Hall.
- Developed and implemented ideas with a cohort of liaisons dedicated to the Sphinx mission of transforming lives through the power of diversity in the arts.

Selected Voice Studies

Dr. Brian Gill, Professor of Voice

Indiana University, Present

Professor Patricia Stiles, Professor of Voice

Indiana University, 2021-22

Professor Shirley Close, Professor of Voice

Florida State University, New York City, 2016-21

Marcy Stonikas, Professor of Voice
Florida State University, 2017-2018

Professor George Shirley, Professor of Voice
University of Michigan, 2013-16

Selected Voice Master Classes

Marlena Malas, Professor of Voice at The Juilliard School
Classical Singing in New York Program, 2017

Martina Arroyo, Opera Singer
National Association of Negro Musician Convention, 2014

Awards

- Metropolitan Opera Council Encouragement Award (2024)
- NANM Marian Anderson Voice Award - NYC (2024, 2019)
- SphinxConnect Fellowship (2018 and 2019)
- Tallahassee Music Guild Award (2017)

Service

- Curriculum and Academic Task Force Member, Strategic Planning Committee (Indiana University)
- Co-Founder, The Classical Musicians Network
- Alma Mater Performance, Indiana University Foundation (Indiana University)
- Alma Mater Performance, Student Honors Convocation (University of Michigan)
- National Anthem performance, New Student Convocation (University of Michigan)
- Advisor and Past President, Student National Association of Teachers of Singing at Indiana University

Articles and Media Publication

Creating Collaborative Pathway for Expanded Support of Creative Youth Development (2024)

- Authored an article for a global publication, positioning the organization as a Creative Youth Development sector leader while outlining its future vision. ([Article Link](#))

The Lewis Prize for Music: Resounding Impact through Creative Youth Development (2024)

- Oversaw the production of *Resounding Impact through CYD* (2024), leading scriptwriting, storyboarding, content curation, vendor collaboration, and timeline management. ([Video Link](#))

Projects

Cooking and Opera, United States (2020 - 2024)

- Collaborated with musicians including Denyce Graves, chefs, and content creators to promote wellness through music and food.
- Produced multi-media content that activates classical music and its multicultural integration featured on instagram, facebook and youtube. ([Web Link](#))

Language and Diction Skills

- French (I and II) and Diction Course
- Italian (I and II) and Diction Course
- German (I and II) and Diction Course

Selected Performances

Soloist	Song of the Seasons	Indiana University	2024
Soloist	Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (The Shepherd On the Rock)	Indiana University	2024
Soloist	Thomas Music Study Club Competition	New York, NY	2024
Lucy (Role)	Treemonisha	Bloomington, IN	2023
Soloist	Handel's Messiah	Brooklyn, NY	2023
Soloist	Stargazing: The Quest for Light	Indiana University (Premiere)	2023
Soloist	Auftrag for Voice and Harp	Bloomington, IN	2023
Sandmännchen (Role)	Hänsel und Gretel (Humperdinck)	Indiana University	2022
Soloist	Benjamin Matthews Winners Concert	New York, NY	2022
Soloist/Ensemble	American Spiritual Ensemble US Tour	United States	2020
Giannetta (Cover)	'Elisir d'Amore	Phoenicia Voice Festival	2019
Soloist	Nesimi Songs (Ehedova) (Balabeyova)	New York, NY (World Premiere)	2019
Soloist	Songs of Inspiration Concert Feature	Paris, France	2019
Seenä (Role)	Bernstein's A White House Cantata	Tallahassee, FL	2018
Soloist	R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Canterbury Music Series	Tallahassee, FL	2018

Oberto (Role)	Alcina (Handel)	Florida State University	2018
Soloist	Love Sweet (Higdon)	Florida State University	2017
Beatrice (Role)	Beatrice and Benedict (Berlioz)	Florida State University	2017

Repertoire Highlights

Selected Roles

Der Sandmännchen - Hänsel und Gretel (Humperdinck)
 Oberto - Alcina (Alcina)
 Beatrice - Beatrice and Benedict (Berlioz) English
 Mrs. Charlton - Dead Man Walking
 Vocalist Mile Long Opera: a biography of 7' o'clock

Selected Concert and Oratorio

Seena - A White House Cantata (Bernstein)
 Soprano - Messiah (Handel)
 Chichester Psalms (Bernstein)
 Fantasia in C Min, Op.80 (Beethoven)
 Christmas Oratorio (Saint-Saëns)

Selected Chamber Works and Art Song

Deità Silvine (Respighi)
 Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (Shepherd on the Rock) for Soprano, Clarinet, and Piano (Schubert)
 Love Sweet for Soprano, Cello, Piano (Higdon)
 Song of the Seasons for Soprano, Cello, and Piano (Capers)
 La Lettre du Jardinière for Voice and Harp (Tournier)
 Auftrag for Voice and Harp (Emmerson)
 Divan of Moses-Ibn- Ezra for Soprano and Guitar (Tedesco)
 On This Island (Britten)
 Miss Wheatley's Garden (Dunn-Powell)
 Op 98a Lieder und Gesänge aus 'Wilhelm Meister' (Schumann)
 Deux Poèmes de Louis Aragon (Poulenc)
 Trois Poèmes de Louise Lalanne (Poulenc)

Opera Scene Performances

Alice, Falstaff (Verdi) – Act 1 Scene 2 – Florida State University
 Alcina, Alcina (Handel) – Act 3 Scene 3 Trio – Florida State University
 Lakmé, Lakmé (Delibes) – Sous le dôme épais – Florida State University
 Flower/Spirit/Servant Dream of the Red Chamber (Bright Sheng) – University of Michigan
 Melissa, Amadigi di Gaula (Handel) – Act 1 Aria University of Michigan
 Mimi, La Bohème (Puccini) – Act III University of Michigan
 Pamina, Die Zauberflöte (Mozart) – Act 1 Excerpt University of Michigan
 Madame Lidoine, Dialogues des carmélites (Poulenc) – University of Michigan

Opera Arias

Italian

G.F. Handel	Care Selve	Atalanta
G.F. Handel	Ombra mai fù	Serse
G.F. Handel	Ah! Spietato	Amadigi di Gaula
Giuseppe Verdi	Sul fil d'un soffio etesio	Falstaff
Giacomo Puccini	Donde lieta usci	La bohème
Giacomo Puccini	Quando m'en vo'	La bohème
Giacomo Puccini	Signore, ascolta!	Turandot
Christoph Willibald Gluck	O del mio dolce ardor	Paride ed Elena
Alessandro Scarlatti	Le Violette	Pirro e Demetrio
Antonio Caldara	Sebben Crudele	La Costanza in amor ..
Claudio Monteverdi	Lasciatemi morire	L'Arianna
W.A. Mozart	In uomini, in soldati	Così fan tutte
W.A. Mozart	Dove sono	Le nozze di Figaro
W.A. Mozart	Ah fuggi il traditor	Don Giovanni
Vincenzo Bellini	Oh! quante volte	I Capuleti e i Montecchi
Gaetano Donizzetti	Saria Possibile	L'elisir d'amore

French

Gustave Charpentier	Depuis le jour	Louise
Jules Massenet	Frère! Voyez!.. Du gai soleil	Werther
Jacques Offenbach	Elle a fui, la tourterelle	Les Contes d'Hoffmann
Giacomo Meyerbeer	Parmi le pleurs	Les Huguenots

German

W.A. Mozart	Ach, ich fühls	Die Zauberflöte
	Bester jüngling	Die Schauspieldirektor
Franz Lehar	Es lebt' eine Vilja (Vilja Lied)	Die Lustige Witwe

English

Tom Cipullo	My Darling Jim	Glory Denied
Benjamin Britten	Come now a roundel	A Midsummer nights ..
Douglas Moore	The Silver Aria	The Ballad of Baby Doe
Carlisle Floyd	The Trees on the Mountain	Susannah
William Schuman	Kiss Me Not Goodbye	The Mighty Casey
George Gershwin	Summertime	Porgy and Bess
George Gershwin	My Man's Gone Now	Porgy and Bess
Hector Berlioz	I Remember	Beatrice and Benedict (English Adaptation) – Translation by Matt Cooksey

Oratorio Aria/Chamber Solos

German

Joseph Haydn	Nun beut die Flur	Die Schöpfung
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English	Johann S. Bach	Doch bin und bleibe	Cantata BWV 150
	G.F. Handel	Rejoice, O daughter of Zion	Messiah
Latin	Camille Saint-Saëns	Expectans	Christmas Oratorio
Italian	Gabriel Fauré	Pié Jesu,	Réquiem
	Alessandro Scarlatti	Si suoni la tromba	7 Arie con Tromba Sola
	Alessandro Scarlatti	Con Voce Festiva	“ ”
	Alessandro Scarlatti	Rompe Sprezza	“ ”
	Alessandro Scarlatti	Mio tesoro	“ ”

Art Songs

Italian

Vincenzo Bellini	Quando verrà quel dì	
Vincenzo Bellini	L'abbandono	
Vincenzo Bellini	Sogno d'infanzia	
Alessandro Scarlatti	Sento nel core	
Giulio Caccini	Amarilli	
Stefano Donaudy	Amorosi miei giorni	
Ottorino Respighi	I fauni	Deita Silvane
	Music in horto	“ ”
	Egle	“ ”
	Acqua	“ ”
	Crepuscolo	“ ”
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French

Georges Bizet	Guitare	
Gabriel Fauré	Après un rêve	
Reynaldo Hahn	Le Printemps	
Reynaldo Hahn	L'énamourée	
Reynaldo Hahn	Le rossignol des lilas	
Franz Liszt	Oh, Quand je dors	
Jules Massenet	Oh! Si les fleurs avaient des yeux	
Claude Debussy	Zéphyr	
Claude Debussy	Nuit d'étoiles	
France Poulenc	“C”	Deux Poemes de Louis Aragon
	Fêtes galantes	“ ”
France Poulenc	Le present	3 Poemes de Louise Lalanne
	Chanson	“ ”
	Hier	“ ”

German

Giacomo Meyerbeer	Hirtenlied	
Johannes Brahms	Meine Liebe ist Grün	
Alma Mahler	Die stille Stadt	5 Lieder (1910)
	Bei dir ist es traut	“ ”

	Ich wandle unter Blumen	“	“
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Franz Schubert	Frühlingsglaube		
	Du bist die Ruh		
	Gretchen am Spinnrade		
Richard Strauss	Morgen!		
	Zueignung		
	Die Nacht		
	Sie trugen ihn auf...		
Robert Schumann	Die Stille		
	Mondnacht		
	Mignon		Op 98a Lieder und Gesänge
	Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt		aus 'Wilhelm Meister'
	Heiss mich nicht reden	“	“
	So lasst mich scheinen bis ich	“	“
	werde	“	“
Hugo Wolf	Auch kleine Dinge		
	Er Ist's		
	Schlafendes Jesuskind		
English			
H.T. Burleigh	Till I Wake		Songs of Laurence Hope
Hale Smith	March Moon		Beyond the Rim of Day
John W. Work	Soliloquy		
Robert MacGimsey	Sweet Little Jesus Boy		
Florence Price	Song to the Dark Virgin		Florence Price
John Musto	Recuerdo: Last Song		John Musto
John Duke	The Bird		John Duke
Ned Rorem	To a Young Girl		Ned Rorem
Florence Price	Song to the Dark Virgin		Florence Price
John Musto	Recuerdo: Last Song		John Musto
Mark Fax	Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee		
William Grant Still	Grief		
John Jacob Niles	Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head		
Betty Jackson King	Theology		
	Compensation		
Henry Purcell	Music for awhile		
	If music be the food of love (1)		
Undine S. Moore	Love, Let the Wind Cry...		
	Watch and Pray		
Ned Rorem	To a Young Girl		
	See how they love me		
	The Silver Swan		
Arr. Moses Hogan	Deep River		
	Give me Jesus		
Arr. Hall Johnson	A City Called Heaven		
	Ride on King Jesus		

Arr. Roland Carter	Heaven's a beautiful place Steal Away to Jesus	
Rosephanye Dunn Powell	I Want to Die While You Love A Winter Twilight Song for the People	Miss Wheatley's Garden " " " "
Raymond Wise	There is a balm in Gilead Movement One – The Stars Don't Know I Look At Them Movement Two – The Night Is Like Me Movement Three – The Window Reveals All Movement Four – Blackholes and Stardust	Stargazing: The Quest for Light " " " " " "
Amy Beach	The Years at the Spring Ah, Love But A Day I send my heart to thee	Three Browning Songs " " " "
Benjamin Britten	Let the florid music praise Now the leaves are falling fast Seascape Nocturne As it is, plenty	On This Island " " " " " " " "
Mario Castenuovo-Tedesco	Sorrow shatters my heart Fate has blocked the way O brook... Drink deep, my friend Dull and sad is the sky... The garden dons a coat of many hues...	Divan of Moses-Ibn-Ezra " " " " " " " " " " " "
Richard Hageman	At the well Charity Do not go, my love	
Jaqueline Hairston	On Consciousness Streams Thou Alone Canst Inspire The Season of Remembrance	On Consciousness Streams " " " "
Jennifer Higdon	Apology The Giver of Stars Absence A Gift A Fixed Idea	Love Sweet " " " " " " " "
Valerie Capers	Spring Summer Autumn Winter	Song of the Seasons " " " " " "

Czech Vítězslava Kaprálová Potkali se včera lidé dva

Duets

German	W A. Mozart	Bei Männern, welche liebe fühlen	Die Zauberflöte
French	Léo Delibes	Sous le dôme épais	Lakmé
Italian	W A. Mozart	Prenderò quel I brunettino Ah guarda, sorella	Così fan tutte

Musical Theatre

English	Stephen Sondheim Rodgers & Hammerstein George Gershwin George Gershwin	Green Finch and Linnet Bird, Mister Snow I Got Rhythm Someone to Watch Over Me	Sweeny Todd Carousel Crazy for You Oh, Kay
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