

Sara Schabas, soprano

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Opera

	(^) cover	(*) Dora Award nomination		
Eve			The Walk From The Garden (Dove)	Little Opera Company of Winnipeg 2024
Musetta			La bohème	Orchestre Classique de Montréal, ICAV 2023
Gretel			Hänsel und Gretel	Monument National, Montréal 2023
Dormouse			The Garden of Alice	Pacific Opera Victoria 2022
Zerlina; Elvira^			Don Giovanni	Highlands Opera Studio 2021
First Witch; Belinda^			Dido and Aeneas	Concentus Musicus Wien 2020
The Hummingbird			The Flight of the Hummingbird	Vancouver Opera/Pacific Opera Victoria 2020
Anne Frank*			Singing Only Softly	Loose Tea Music Theatre 2019, 2022
Najade			Ariadne auf Naxos	Highlands Opera 2019
Marzelline			Fidelio	Toronto City Opera 2018
Frasquita			Carmen	Mississauga Symphony 2017
Henri*			Bandits in the Valley	Tapestry Opera 2017
Candace			A Wedding (Bolcom)	Aspen Opera Center 2016
Papagena; Pamina^			Die Zauberflöte	Dayton Opera 2015
Juliette^			Roméo et Juliette	Aspen Opera Center 2015
Genovieffa			Suor Angelica	Opera on the Avalon 2014

Concert (selected)

Soloist in concert tour	Théâtre lyrichorégra, Jeunes ambassadeurs	Numerous cities, China	2024
Solo Recitalist	Recital series	Chapelle historique du Bon-Pasteur, Montréal	2024
Solo Recitalist	Free Concert Series	Canadian Opera Company, Toronto	2024
Soprano Soloist	Carmina Burana	MGSO; Toronto Symphony Orchestra^	2023
Soprano Soloist	Annelies (James Whitbourn)	Grand Philharmonic Choir, Kitchener ON	2023
Soprano Soloist	Bach Advent Cantata; Chandos Anthems	Thirteen Strings Orchestra	2022
Soprano Soloist	Balmont & Japanese Lyrics (Stravinsky)	Equilibrium Artists (cond. Hannigan)	2022
Soprano Soloist	Messiah	Kindred Spirits Orchestra	2022
Solo Recitalist	Spiegelsaal	Opernhaus Zürich	2021
Soprano Soloist^	Messiah	Concentus Musicus Wien (cond. Harding)	2019
Soprano Soloist	Messiah	Bach-Elgar Choir	2019
Soprano Soloist	Rutter Requiem	Oakville Masterworks	2019
Soprano Soloist	Nulla in mundo pax sincera	Oakville Chamber Orchestra	2018
Soprano Soloist	Messiah	Dayton Philharmonic	2015
Soprano Soloist	Mahler Symphony no. four	Castleton Festival (cond. Lorin Maazel)	2013

Recordings (forthcoming):

Soprano Soloist	O Greenest Branch (James Rolfe)	Produced by Cullant Bryant, cond. David Fallis	2025
Anne Frank	Singing Only Softly (Cecilia Livingston)	Loose Tea Music Theatre, piano Cheryl Duvall	2025
Soprano Soloist	The Bond (Amy Brandon)	New Focus Recordings, piano Geoffrey Conquer	2025

Education: Doctorate of Music, McGill University (in progress); Early Music Studies - University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna (MDW); Master of Music, Voice Performance (Siragusa Scholarship), Roosevelt University; Honours Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance, English literature minor, University of Toronto

Fellowships/YAPs: Aspen Opera Center, Manitoba Opera, Dayton Opera, Highlands Opera, ICAV, Toronto Summer Music Festival

Voice Teachers

Tracy Smith Bessette
Tracy Dahl
Jean MacPhail
Michael Schade

Coaches

Rachel Andrist
Martin Dubé
Michael McMahon
Philip Morehead

Directors

Rob Herriot
Valerie Kuinka
Glynis Leyshon
François Racine

Conductors

Barbara Hannigan
Jean-Sébastien Vallée
Timothy Vernon
Mark Vuorinen

Languages

English
French (fluent)
German (B2)
Italian (A2/B1)

Movement

Ballet (Opera Atelier)
Yoga (Teacher certification)

Awards (selected)

Winner - Wirth Vocal Prize - McGill University	2024
Grant Recipient - Canada Council for the Arts; Fonds de recherche du Québec	2024, 2020
3rd Prize, National Finals - Eckhardt-Grammaté Competition	2023
Barbara Eves-Sharp Bursary - Vancouver Opera Foundation	2021
Winner - Voice Performance - Hnatyshyn Foundation	2020
Ohio District Winner, Midwest Regional Finalist - Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition	2020
Winner - Career Blueprint - International Resource Centre for the Performing Arts	2019