

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)

Soprano Soloist	Beethoven's 9th Symphony	North York Concert Orchestra	2025
Soloist in concert tour	Théâtre lyrichorégra, Jeunes ambassadeurs	Numerous cities, Mainland 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 Cullen 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