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Cheryse McLeod Lewis, Mezzo-Soprano**

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Cheryse McLeod Lewis is an award-winning performing artist who has created a uniquely diverse performance career. Trained as a classical singer, Ms. Lewis is an accomplished performer in opera, concert, and recital. For her opera performances, Cheryse McLeod Lewis has been praised for possessing “stunning vocal power” (Asheville Citizen-Times) and a “rich lyric mezzo sound” (Opera News Online). Her principal roles include the title role in *Carmen* (Capital Opera Raleigh; Asheville Lyric Opera); Rosina in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Asheville Lyric Opera, Mansfield Symphony, Central Georgia Opera Guild); Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel* (Connecticut Opera; Greensboro Opera); The Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Opera Carolina; Connecticut Opera); Prince Orlofsky in *Die Fledermaus* (Greensboro Opera); Flora in *La Traviata* (Piedmont Opera); the Page in *Salome* (The Opera Company of NC; Connecticut Opera); and Papagena in *The Magic Flute* (Houston Ebony Opera).

Ms. Lewis also appears in concert and recital to rave reviews and has performed as a soloist with the Eastern Music Festival, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Greensboro Symphony, New Britain (CT) Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, Mansfield Symphony, Piccolo Spoleto Festival, MOJA Festival, and Greensboro Oratorio Society. Upcoming concert engagements for Ms. Lewis include appearances with Seminole State College, the Gettysburg Festival, and the Greensboro Symphony.

In addition to her solo work, Ms. Lewis performs with the highly acclaimed Inspirata Quartet [www.InspirataQuartet.com] and the vocal duo Eleganza [www.EleganzaMusic.net]. Both groups have recorded debut CDs and perform at venues across the eastern United States. Upcoming Inspirata engagements include appearances on the Music for a Great Space Concert Series, EMMA Concert Series, Fayetteville State University, and Englewood (FL) United Methodist Church.

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As an educator, Ms. Lewis is passionate about helping young singers discover their vocal potential and have successful music careers. She is currently on the voice faculties at Seminole State College (Sanford, FL) and Valencia College (Orlando, FL). Ms. Lewis has been a visiting guest artist and given vocal masterclasses and music business workshops for students at Fayetteville State University, Mount Olive College, NC A&T State University, Concord University, Johnson C. Smith University, Seminole State College of Florida, and Valencia College.

A proud native of Greensboro, NC, Ms. Lewis is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (BFA in Voice Performance), The University of NC at Greensboro (MM in Voice Performance), and The AJ Fletcher Opera Institute (Professional Artist Certificate in Opera). Ms. Lewis currently resides in Orlando, FL with her husband, James. Learn more about Ms. Lewis at www.CheryseMusic.com.