

Alex Hetherington, mezzo-soprano



Mezzo-soprano Alex Hetherington is in her first year of residency in the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio and is quickly establishing herself as a skilled interpreter of operatic and concert repertoire, with a specialty in contemporary music. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Music, and in recent years has won a Dora Mavor Moore Award, the UTSO Concerto Competition, and the Jim and Charlotte Norcop Prize in Song.

Operatic credits include Mercédès in *Carmen* (Canadian Opera Company), Riley in *R.U.R. A Torrent of Light* (Tapestry Opera), Rosina in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Carmen in *La tragédie de Carmen* (UofT Opera), Nicklausse in *The Tales of Hoffmann* (Toronto City Opera), Juno in *Semele* (Toronto Lyric Opera), as well as The House in Tapestry Opera's cast recording of *Rocking Horse Winner*, which made its premiere on CBC Music's *Saturday Afternoon at the Opera*. Alex has also given recent concert performances with Toronto Summer Music (*Fellow, Beyond Borders*), Canadian Art Song Project (*dawn always begins in the bones*), and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (*Tilly, The Bear*).

Ms. Hetherington graduated in 2022 with a Master of Music degree in Opera Performance from the University of Toronto, where she also completed her Bachelor of Music degree in 2019. During her time at the Faculty of Music, she had the honour of studying with Wendy Nielsen and Monica Whicher, and working with celebrated industry professionals, including Jessye Norman, Barbara Hannigan, Susan Graham, Steven Philcox, Judith Forst, and Deen Larsen.

In addition to collaborating with and interpreting the music of composers of our day, Alex is herself a composer, with works performed in concert by ensembles such as the Gryphon Trio and members of Esprit Orchestra. She also has an interest in musicology and is completing a research-creation project funded by SSHRC examining art song performance practice through the lens of modern gender theory. In her spare time, Alex can be found reading, gardening, and admiring dogs.

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