



**Sarah Iles** is a graduate of the University of Toronto Opera School, and has performed in Europe, Thailand, The United States and Canada. Ms. Iles also holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Wilfrid Laurier University. Operatic roles include Laurie in *The Tender Land*, Susanna and Barbarina in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Pamina and Papagena in *Die Zauberflöte*, Gilda in Verdi's *Rigoletto*, Elisetta in *Il Matrimonio segreto*, Despina in *Così fan tutte*, Suor Genovieffa in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, Bastienne in *Bastien and Bastienne*, and Emmie in *Albert Herring*. Ms. Iles has also performed in contemporary operas for the Luminato Festival, and the UofT New Music Festival. In Toronto Ms. Iles has performed in the Canadian Opera Company's Free Concert Series in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, Against the Grain Theatre, Opera by Request, Toronto Operetta Theatre and Summer Opera Lyric Theatre. Other training includes the St. Andrews Opera Workshop in New Brunswick with

Wendy Nielsen, and the Manhattan Summer Voice Festival at the Manhattan School of Music in New York.

Ms. Iles traveled to Florence, Italy with a scholarship from the Consulate General of Italy in Toronto and later returned to sing at the prestigious Centre for Opera Studies in Sulmona, Italy. Last summer she had the pleasure of working with renowned soprano, Mme. Aprile Millo at the Operavision Academy in Urbania, Italy where she performed in a concert tour in Milan, Massa, Torre del Lago and Urbania including excerpts of Nannetta from Verdi's *Falstaff* and Liù from *Turandot* by Puccini. In Urbania, she also had the honour to work with Maestro Richard Bonyng in a *bel canto* Masterclass. Ms. Iles studies with Dr. Mary-Lou Vetere, and is from Toronto and grew up in Peterborough, Ontario. She has performed with The Peterborough Theatre Guild, The Lyric Stage, The Peterborough Singers and The Peterborough Singers Pop Ensemble.

Ms. Iles is excited to return to University Settlement as a teacher to the school where she first took singing lessons, and to bring her love of music and singing to students of all levels and abilities.