

Jody Kidwell, a winner in the third Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition, was chosen by Mr. Pavarotti to appear in LUISA MLLER, filmed by PBS. Gian Carlo Menotti cast and directed her in his opera, THE SAINT OF BLEECKER STREET, with Opera Philadelphia (OP). Her portrayal of Desideria was heralded by critics as "all stops out singing.....haunting..steamy. intense". Ms. Kidwell performed Zulma in L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI (OP) on WHYY's Philadelphia Performs. Other roles include Carmen in CARMEN, Isabella in L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI, Olga in EUGENE ONEGIN, Maddalena in RIGOLETTO. She appeared with Opera Columbus (OC) as Aldonza/Dulcinea in MAN OF LaMANCHA, and as Dido in DIDO AND AENEAS, with the Lehigh Chamber Symphony at Muhlenberg College.

Ms. Kidwell is equally known for her character work as Czipra in THE GYPSY BARON (OC), Mrs. McLean in SUSANNAH (OP/OC) and Mrs. Peachum in THE THREEPENNY OPERA (OC). She originated the roles of Mrs. Medlock in THE SECRET GARDEN (The Pennsylvania Opera Theater), And Esther Zikorn in SLAYING THE DRAGON, (Center City Opera Theater).

Ms. Kidwell performed the major concert works of Verdi, Beethoven, Rossini, Elgar, DeFalla, Mahler, and Mozart with the North Carolina Symphony, The Las Vegas Philharmonic, The Philadelphia Orchestra, The National Symphonies of Costa Rica and Columbia, and Vox AmaDeus.

Ms. Kidwell was Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia where she she directed the Women's Ensemble, Adult Choir, and assisted with the Children's Choir. (1993-2012). Ms. Kidwell has also taught private voice at Settlement Music School (1990-present), Muhlenberg College, Gwynedd Mercy High School and maintains a private studio in Philadelphia.

A graduate of Ohio State University (BM), and the Academy of Vocal Arts (AVA), Ms. Kidwell also attended The American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria and Southern Methodist University. Her recording MY FUNNY VALENTINE from the American Songbook was

released in 2015 by CDBaby and iTunes.