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A favorite at Opera in the Heights, Megan has performed the title roles in *La Cenerentola* and *Hänsel und Gretel*, Countess Ceprano in *Rigoletto* (Verdi), and Flora in *La traviata* (Verdi). She has also performed with Solo Opera in California as the Sandman and Hansel cover, and with the Lakes Area

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Music Festival in Minnesota in her first appearance as Angelina. Ms. Berti often appears as a soloist with the BCC&O in California and on their European tours in such works as Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Mozart's *Great Mass in C Minor*, Dvořák's *Requiem*, and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. She has also sung Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* with Oakland's Cantare con Vivo, Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with Lee College, Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* with Rochester's Gregory Kunde Chorale, Bach's *B Minor Mass* with the Eastman Chorale and Concordia University of Texas, and Beethoven's *9th Symphony* with the Pasadena Pops Orchestra. Megan was a regular performer with Houston Grand Opera's Opera to Go! 2014-2017, touring the greater Houston area as Hansel, Rosina in *The Barber of Seville* (Rossini), The Queen, Hilde, and the Dragon in *The Princess and the Pea* (Warwick), Annamaria in *Puffed-Up Prima Donna* (Buller), Annamaria and Aquilia in *Pastry Prince* (Buller), the Mother and Nightingale in *Rapunzel* (Warwick), and the title character in *Strega Nona* (Warwick).

Ms Berti completed her Performance Certificate in 2013 at the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. While at Moores, Megan portrayed Maddalena in *Rigoletto* (Verdi), Vava in *Moscow, Cheryomushki* (Shostakovich), Magali in *Salsipuedes* (Catán), Annina in *Der Rosenkavalier* (Strauss), the title role of *Amelia* (Hagen), and Mistress Quickly in *Falstaff* (Verdi). She received her Master's degree at the Eastman School of Music where she played Anne in *To Hell and Back* (Heggie) and Dryade in *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Strauss). During her undergraduate studies at the Cole Conservatory at California State University Long Beach, Ms. Berti performed Sesto in *La clemenza di Tito* (Mozart) and La Messaggiera in *L'Orfeo* (Monteverdi). She was also a soloist in Verdi's *Requiem* and Beethoven's *9th Symphony*.

Megan has participated in the summer programs Opernfest Prague, Opera in the Ozarks, Le Chiavi di Bel Canto, SongFest, the International Lyric Academy in Italy, and SummerSong where she performed the abridged roles of Orpheus in Gluck's *Orpheus and Eurydice*, Sextus in Handel's *Julius Cesar*, and

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Otho in Monteverdi's *The Coronation of Poppea*. Ms Berti can be heard performing the premiere of Benjamin Boretz's piece "The Memory of All That: a Holy Sonnet of John Donne for Milton Babbitt" published by Open Space. She earned Honorable Mention at the 2020 Young Texas Artists Music Competition and has received scholarship awards from The National Federation of Music Clubs, the Presser award, the Dramatic Allied Arts Guild, and the Fine Arts Affiliates. Megan is also a member of the SAI music fraternity and the Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society. Ms. Berti is the Artistic Director and Founder of HOPERA, an opera company in Houston focused on supporting local artists while fusing craft beer with craft music.

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