

Martha Ellen Smith

Soprano



After her degree in Music Education from Philadelphia College of Bible (now Cairn University), **MARTHA ELLEN SMITH** has developed many streams of performing, including composition, and regularly appears as a chorister, soloist, and conductor.

A member of the first Opera Workshop cast at her alma mater, she has also branched out into musical theatre. She has been a regular onstage with Newtown Arts Company and Bucks County Gilbert and Sullivan Society, which has also given her the opportunity a few times to be the Chorus Master for their annual Messiah Sing, where she also has often appeared as a soloist. Her favorite role is whatever she is preparing to perform next, but happiest memories remain from *The Sound of Music* (Sister Margaretta), *A Little Night Music* (Mrs. Nordstrom), *Patience* (Lady Ella) and *The Mikado* (Peep Bo).

She has been delighted to sing with VOICES Chorale, The Philadelphia Singers, The MidAtlantic Opera Company, VoxAmaDeus, Ocean Grove Choir (Choral Masterwork) and The Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia. Her next role as a chorister will be in May with Opera Delaware, the next solo role will be with The Ambler Station Singers in June, and during Holy Week, she will conduct The Celebration Choir of Lower Bucks County, which she founded in 2003, in two performances of "The Glorious Story of Easter." Das Gras ist verdorret, und die Blume abgefallen, aber des Herrn Wort bleibet in Ewigkeit!