

# Vocal Performance

DIVISION OF  
FINE ARTS

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

- B.A. in Music
- B.M. in Music Theory-Composition
- B.M. in Music Education, Vocal Emphasis
- B.M. in Music Education, Instrumental Emphasis
- B.M. in Performance, Voice - Minor in Music

### Four Degree Avenues are Available for Singers at Maryville College:

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

A well-rounded degree that provides students a solid preparation in music so that they may pursue a variety of avenues for careers in music and/or graduate school.

#### BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

A specially designed degree to prepare students for careers in vocal performance and/or graduate school. B.M. students will participate every semester in one of Maryville College's choirs, perform regularly on student repertoire recitals and applied topic group sessions, perform junior and senior recitals, and participate in any opera scene and musical theatre opportunities that arise.

#### BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN MUSIC EDUCATION (MUSIC B.M. VOCAL WITH LICENSURE):

Singers who wish to teach in the public school arena will receive superior training in all aspects of music education, working not only on their basic music requirements, but also with Dr. Eric Simpson, Director of Bands and Music Education. In addition, students will participate every semester in one of Maryville College's choirs, perform on selective student repertoire recitals and applied topics group sessions and perform a senior recital.

#### MINOR IN MUSIC:

Designed for students who wish to major in a different field but who still want to improve their singing technique and participate in performance opportunities. Students will take 18 credit hours of music courses, including 6 credit hours of Music Theory, 2 credit hours of ear training, 6 credit hours at the 300 or 400 level (2 of which also satisfy core curriculum requirements for historical reasoning and United States pluralism), and 4 credit hours in other courses, lessons or ensembles.

## Why study Vocal Performance at Maryville College?

Maryville College is proud to be accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and offer a curriculum that prepares students for lives as creative musicians. Not only do voice students have many opportunities for performance and touring with the renowned Concert Choir, directed by Mrs. Stacey Wilner, they find many occasions built into our degree programs that offer them learning and performance experience.

## MEET OUR VOCAL INSTRUCTORS



**ALICIA MASSIE-LEGG, mezzo-soprano**, has an extensive background of professional performance in a variety of music genres, including jazz, pop, rock, country, music theater, and classical music. Since 2002, Dr. Massie-Legg has taught at Maryville College and is now serving as Senior Lecturer in Music. She earned a Ph.D. in Musicology from University of Kentucky, two master's degrees from Ohio University in Vocal Performance with an emphasis in Vocal Pedagogy and Music History, and a B.A. in Music degree from Radford University. At MC, she teaches Music History for Music majors, Voice, and a core curriculum class titled "Perspectives in Music: History of Jazz."



**MARJORIE BENNETT STEPHENS, soprano**, is a newly retired Associate Professor of Voice and Vocal Pedagogy and Area Coordinator for Voice at the University of Tennessee. Before moving to East Tennessee, Ms. Stephens held similar positions at Ohio University and The Ohio State University and is currently serving on the faculty of the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria in the summer. Ms. Bennett

Stephens's musical genre interests include a diverse mix of musical theater, operetta, opera, oratorio, classical and contemporary sacred concert and art song recital. In addition to performing on professional stages around the world, her students continue to secure teaching positions in both academia and the private sector. She earned two master's degrees in Voice and Vocal Pedagogy, a Bachelor of Music Education/Choral, and a Bachelor of Music in Voice from The Ohio State University.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

visit [maryvillecollege.edu/music](http://maryvillecollege.edu/music) or call 865.981.8092



**MARYVILLE**  
COLLEGE  
IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS