

Amanda Fair Jans

S O P R A N O | A C T O R

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*"In forty years of teaching undergraduate theatre students,
Amanda is one of the top three actors I have ever taught."*

Dr. Ivan H. Davidson, Professor Emeritus of Theatre,
Knox College, Galesburg, IL

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Music
Knox College, 2024

High School Diploma, w/ Honors
Francis Parker School of Louisville, 2001

AFFILIATIONS

Musicians Club of Women, Chicago

Sigma Alpha Iota, Psi Chapter Alumna

AWARDS

2024 International Clara Schumann Competition : Fourth Prize - Voice Professional Category, Juried |
Colton Prize for Excellence in Theatre Performance (first place) for the role of *Ruth* in Noël Coward's "Blithe Spirit," 2002 | Colton Prize for Excellence in Theatre Performance (first place) for the role of *Josie* in Eugene O'Neill's "A Moon for the Misbegotten," 2003 | Colton Prize for Excellence in Theatre Performance (runner-up) for the role of *Hecuba* in Euripides' "The Trojan Women," 2004 | Richter Grant for Independent Theatre Study, 2003 |
Acting scholarship for Stage One Summer Drama Works High School Institute, 2000 | KMEA Distinguished (Superior) rating for cello solo, 1996

RECITALS | MASTERCLASSES

Senior Undergraduate Voice Recital, May 19, 2024, Kresge Recital Hall, Knox College
Senior Undergraduate Cello Recital, May 10, 2024, Kresge Recital Hall, Knox College
Junior Undergraduate Voice Recital, May 24, 2022, Kresge Recital Hall, Knox College
High School Senior Honors Project Lecture Recital, May 6, 2001, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY
Masterclass with Conductor/Pianist Nyela Basney: April 6, 2025, Musicians Club of Women, Chicago
Masterclass with Gerard Sundberg: May 5, 2023, Kresge Recital Hall, Knox College

SINGING ROLES

Ensign Dinah Murphy	South Pacific in Concert	Orpheum Theatre c. Kurt Killam d. Tim Holmes 2023
Constance	The Sorcerer	G&S Society of Louisville 2014
Vocalist	Mystery Cabaret	WhoDunnit Murder Mystery Theatre 2005
Ensign Dinah Murphy /**Nellie	South Pacific	Prairie Players CT c. Kurt Killam d. Tim Holmes 2003
Company Stage Manager	Give My Regards to Broadway: A Musical Revue	Harbach Theatre d. Elizabeth Carlin-Metz 2001
Mouseketeer / Cruella **Cover	A Disney Revue	Clifton Center d. Heather Folsom 1996

ACTING ROLES

Jocasta (Lead)	*We Will Never Reach the Shore	Harbach Theatre d. Elizabeth Carlin-Metz 2023
Hecuba (Lead)	The Trojan Women	Harbach Theatre d. Ivan H. Davidson 2004
Reconciliation	Lysistrata	Harbach Theatre d. Robert C. Whitlatch 2004
Lady Croom	Arcadia	Harbach Theatre d. Kamesha Jackson 2003
Josie (Lead)	A Moon for the Misbegotten	Harbach Theatre d. Ivan H. Davidson 2003
Lysistrata (Lead)	*The Lysistrata Project	Knox College Studio Theatre
Nina (Lead) / Margaret	Durang, Durang	Harbach Theatre d. Robert C. Whitlatch 2002
Ruth (Lead)	Blithe Spirit	Harbach Theatre d. Ivan H. Davidson 2002
Emilia/3rd Lady/Shepherdess	The Winter's Tale *Staged Reading	Harbach Theatre d. Neil Blackadder 2002

ACTING ROLES (CONT.)

Margaret Brennan	The Marriage of Bette and Boo	Francis Parker School d. Julie Crutcher 2001
Vi (Lead)	The Memory of Water	Francis Parker School d. Julie Crutcher 2000
Ensemble	Circle Game (Devised)	Stage One Summer Drama Works H.S. Institute 2000
Grace Hoylard (Lead)	Bus Stop	Francis Parker School d. Robert J. Shilts 2000
Reba Freitag (Lead)	The Last Night of Ballyhoo	Francis Parker School d. Robert J. Shilts 1999
Sylvia Balton	The Film Society	Francis Parker School d. Robert J. Shilts 1998

CONCERT TOURS

Knox College Choir Spain Tour, March 13-24, 2003 (Concerts in Manresa, Balsareny, Barcelona and Girona)
Knox College Choir Midwest USA Tour, March 14-20, 2004

RADIO | RECORDINGS

Soprano Soloist, WUOL, May 28, 2014, Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Louisville ([4:31](#), [34:33](#), [41:10](#))

Knox College Choir Album Recordings

2002 including Fauré's Requiem and selections by Moses Hogan, Aldolphus Hailstork, Polenc, Palestrina

2003 including selections by Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Biebl, Piazzola, Tomas Luis de Victoria, Peter Luis Van Dijk

SYMPHONIES | CHOIRS | ENSEMBLES

Knox-Galesburg Symphony (student cellist) 2022-2023; Knox College String Ensemble (cello) 2022-2024, 2002-2003; Monmouth Civic Orchestra (cello) 2023-2024; Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Louisville (soprano soloist) 2014; Knox College Cello Choir, 2002-2003; Knox College Choir (second soprano) 2002-2004

TRAINING

Voice: Lucas Wood : January 2022-May 2024; Megan Durham : March 2022-May 2023; Jaclyn Surso:

May 2020-September 2020; Laura Lane : 2002-2003; Jack Horton: 2001, 2014; Heather Folsom: 1995-1997

Acting: Beginning Acting with Ivan H. Davidson; Intermediate Acting A: Psychological Realism, Intermediate Acting B: Period Style, and Advanced Acting Studio : Shakespeare and Beyond (audited) with Elizabeth Carlin-Metz; Beginning Acting with Stage One Summer Drama Works High School Institute, Dramatic Literature with Julie Crutcher; two years of Musical Theatre training at Folsom Academy of the Arts

Dance: Beginning Ballet with Kathleen Ridlon (2003), Jazz with Heather Folsom (1995-'97),

Beginning Ballet at the Louisville Ballet School ('91-'93)

Piano: Janell Johnson: 2022-2024, Ashlee Mack: 2022, Amber Clark: 2003, Denise Whittington: 2000-2001

Cello: Steven Jackson: 2022-2024, Carolyn Suda: 2001-2004, Bonnie Avery: 1996-1998,

Robin Chappars: 1993-'95

Conductors and Coaches: Kedrick Armstrong: 2022, Dominique Archambeau: 2022-2024, Rich Cangro: 2023-2024, Kurt Killam: 2001, 2003, 2023-2024, Laura Lane: 2023, 2002-2004, Tim Pahel: 2022, 2003-2004,

Polly Brecht: 2022-2024, Sora Park Shepard: 2022-2024, David Taustine: 2001, 2008, 2018

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Dialects: RP (Standard) British, Dublin Irish Other: fencing, swimming, whistling