

# Hannah C Comia

Pianist/Singer/Voice Coach

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Productions/Performances

- *Legally Blonde*: OneVoice Vocal Studio (MD)\*
- *Godspell*: Pioneer Production Company (MD)\*
- *Dido and Aeneas*: William Paterson University (MD/conductor/keyboardist)\*
- Belgium/France Tour: WPU Chamber Choir (asst. conductor/pianist)\*
- *Pippin*: Butler High School, NJ (MD)\*
- *Shrek Jr*: StageWorks Theatre Group (MD)
- *Lion King Jr*: StageWorks Theatre Group (MD)
- *Rocky*: Star Royale Theatre (MD)
- *Newsies Jr*: OneVoice Vocal Studio (MD)
- *Heathers*: OneVoice Vocal Studio (MD)
- *Songs for a New World*: Pioneer Production Company (MD/conductor/pianist)
- *All Shook Up*: Butler High School, NJ (MD/pianist)
- *Sweeney Todd*: William Paterson University (asst. conductor/coach)
- Musical Theatre Ensemble: William Paterson University (MD/pianist)
- *Vesperae K. 399*: Syracuse University Oratorio Society (pianist)
- Opera Workshop Scenes: Syracuse University (pianist/coach)
- *To Hell and Back*: SU Student Capstone (pianist/coach)
- *Pirates of Penzance*: William Paterson University (rehearsal student pianist)

\*upcoming engagements

### Teaching/Staff Pianist

- William Paterson University of New Jersey (voice/piano faculty) - 2022- Present
- JCC Thurnauer School of Music (accompanying faculty) - 2022-2023
- Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki (guest lecturer) - 2021-2022
- Syracuse University (graduate piano TA)- 2019-2021
- School of Rock (piano/voice instructor and performance director) - 2017-2019
- St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church - 2013 - Present

### Recent Recitals

- *Ladies in their Sensitivities: Sweeney Todd treble voice concert* - Green Room 42 - 2023
- *When the Fat Lady Sings* w/ Shannon Gaffney - NYU and Gene Frankel Theatre - 2023
- *Musical Identities of Eastern Europe* - Civic Morning Musicals Recital Series - 2023
- *Night of Villains* - William Paterson University - 2022
- *Mozart in the Mountains*- Classic Lyric Arts - 2022
- *Finnish song recitals* - Arabia-Kaikuu Festivali - 2022
- *Musical Identity and Independence* - Metropolia UAS & AmScan Fellowship - 2022
- *Becoming a Diva* w/ Maija Rautasuo- Metropolia UAS & Finlandia-Italia Ry - 2022

### Awards / Fellowship

- Professional Development Grant - SAI Philanthropies, Inc. - 2023
- Summer Piano Fellowship - Classic Lyric Arts - 2023, 2022
- Creative Arts Fellowship - American Scandinavian Foundation - 2021-2022
- Excellence in Research and Creative Work - SU Graduate Dean's Award - 2021
- Evalina Honsinger Prize in Piano Performance - Setnor School of Music - 2020
- Most Outstanding Musician Class of 2019 - William Paterson University - 2019
- Piano fellowship- Lake Placid Institute Chamber Music Seminar - 2018

## EDUCATION

Metropolia UAS & Sibelius Academy  
Post-grad traineeship (Helsinki)  
*Vocal Collaborative Arts*

Syracuse University  
M.M. Piano Performance  
*Certificate in University Teaching*

William Paterson University  
B.M. Piano Performance  
*Chemistry minor*

## TEACHERS/DIRECTORS CONDUCTORS/COACHES

Steven Heyman; Sirku Wahrenroos-Kaitila; Juha Karvonen; Kathleen Roland Silverstein // Christopher Dylan Herbert; Dan Peter Vissers; Daniel Isengart // Michelle Rofrano; Lauren Fowler-Calisto; Charity Wicks DePinto; Timothy Long // Glenn Morton; Warren Helms; Bill Charlap

## LANGUAGES / SKILLS

Fluent in English  
French/Italian/German diction  
Knowledge of: Finnish/Swedish/Tagalog  
Harpsichord/Organ Experience  
Strong reading/improvisation skill  
Knowledge of genres/styles:  
opera, MT, jazz, pop/rock, church/liturgical

## RESEARCH/PERFORMING INTERESTS

Musical influence on identity, nationalism, political independence  
Works by women and marginalized composers  
Finnish song & Filipino kundiman  
Climate change/sustainable development/food security  
Original music (singer/songwriter style)

