

Lisa Newill-Smith, Soprano

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Biography

Soprano Lisa Newill-Smith has performed across Europe and the United States. A passionate advocate of music by women, she is the founder of www.womenwhocomposed.com, performing livestream concerts and spreading information about female composers. Also a keen performer of contemporary music, Lisa has created roles by living composers, including Queen Gwenevere in Keith Beal's *Merlin*, and Young Martha in David Wishart's *Absolved Passions*. Lisa brings the energy from these passions to her performance of standard repertoire: her *Despina* was described by the *Hastings Observer* as "one of the most subtle performances I can recall, splendidly sung and totally alive to the text."

An extremely versatile performer, Lisa's performance credits range from *Servilia*, to *Gretel* to *Donna Elvira*. Lisa has sung in masterclasses with Angel Blue, Dame Felicity Lott, Miriam Gauci and Renata Scotto. Her oratorio and concert works include Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, Mozart's *Requiem* and Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*. Lisa was a finalist in the 2021 American Prize Art Song & Oratorio Professional Division, the Chicago Oratorio Award with the American Prize, the Opera Classica Europa competition, and the *Iuventus Canti* Competition, and a semi-finalist in the American Prize professional opera division. Lisa is from Virginia, USA and is currently based in Germany. For more information visit www.lisanewillsmith.com.