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Erin Bardua, Voice



Soprano Erin Bardua is a frequent soloist, voice teacher, and stage director. She is also a co-founder of Essential Opera, a concert opera company performing and creating in Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

Ms. Bardua has been lucky to maintain a busy teaching and performing career in the 2020-2021 season, including producing and performing in two operatic films: *Mirror, mirror*, an operatic retelling of Snow White by Anna Pidgorna; and *December*, the world streaming premiere of Monica Pearce's "holiday opera" filmed in the largely-deserted Halifax Stanfield International Airport). In spring 2021 she plays the role of Helen in the musical *Fun Home*, streaming online from the Motyer-Fancy Theatre at Mount Allison University. Her company, Essential Opera, is

currently developing a new work with Nova Scotia composer Fiona Ryan

Erin has performed with Orchestra Toronto, the Talisker Players, Nota Bene Baroque, Pax Christi Chorale, Toronto Sinfonietta, Oshawa-Durham Chorus, Arcady Baroque Ensemble, St. James Cathedral Choir, Capella Intima, London Pro Musica, the Menno Singers, Pacific Opera Victoria, Vancouver Opera, and Opera Anonymous, among others.

Erin has provided dramatic coaching and stage direction for the Halifax Summer Opera Festival, where she directed Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* in 2018 and Handel's *Alcina* for the 2019 season. She also often works with Mount Allison University's Opera Workshop, and was Assistant Director on the Mount Allison Drama Department's production of *Godspell* in 2019. She operates a private voice studio in Sackville, NB.