

## President



Colleen Davis-Indiana State University-

Praised for her “clear, free and expressive singing,” **Dr. Colleen Davis**, soprano, made her professional operatic debut with the Shreveport Opera as Giannetta in Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*. Her concert and oratorio roles encompass the range of the lyric soprano repertoire, extending from Bach and Vivaldi, through Haydn, Mozart, Brahms, Dvorak and Mendelssohn to the major works of the 20th-Century.

Dr. Davis has performed at the Aspen Music Festival in roles with the Opera Theater Center and in recital. An active proponent of contemporary vocal works, she has premiered and performed numerous works by both established and emerging American composers. Colleen Davis has appeared as a recitalist in many regions of the United States, and is in demand as a master class teacher and adjudicator of vocal competitions.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Davis was active as a dancer, actress, and musical theater performer before beginning undergraduate musical study at Scripps College, graduating with election to Phi Beta Kappa. She completed graduate degrees in both voice and in choral conducting from The University of Iowa. Dr. Davis earned the D.M. in Vocal Performance at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where her research on the Italian-Impressionist *Deita Silvana* song cycle of Ottorino Respighi led to lecture-recital presentations at universities including Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Los Angeles, the University of Birmingham and Auburn University in Alabama.

Colleen Davis has served on the faculties of Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Cottey College of Missouri, and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, and is currently Associate Professor of Music at Indiana State University. Her voice students have been the recipients of local, regional, and national honors and awards, and have gone on to graduate study and careers in music teaching and performance throughout the United States. She is Vice-President of the Indiana District of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.