

Short Biography

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In 2019, Ms. Knox was a chosen soloist for the 10-year anniversary celebration of the **Confucius Institute of Chinese Opera** at **Binghamton University**. In the premiere performance of《丝之歌》(*Song of Silk*), a collection of songs by Shen Pengfei and Liu Kaiyan, she performed《哭晁卿衡》(Mourning Chao Heng) and《题中岳山》(On the Song Mountain), alongside tenor Cole Tornberg. The project was commissioned by CICO Binghamton in collaboration with the **National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts** chamber orchestra. This endeavor required extensive coaching on Chinese diction and language, as well as Chinese Opera techniques and instrumental practices, which she received from Shen Pengfei, Zu Y Chen, and Junzhi Zhu. Ms. Knox has also premiered other art song pieces, including "Nighttide" by Canaan J. Harris and "Sappho Songs" by Mirriam Nussbaum.

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