

## LIBERTY LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMY

### Tara Yen Teacher Bio

Tara Yen is a homeschool graduate, mezzo soprano, pianist, and teacher. Her music studies included Kindermusik, piano lessons, and voice lessons, and in her teens, she began arranging music and performing the arrangements at retirement homes, hymn sings, and private events.

Tara attended Trinity International University with a focus on Vocal Performance, landing several solos in the choir, and the role of Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof* in the school musical.

She continues to study voice privately and has had vocal coaching in New York with Sierra Boggess, Laura Osnes, and Tyce Green. Tara studies voice under Emily (Chidlow) Robles, and also studied under Beth Ann Swinson and Carol Marshall. She also studied piano under Dr. Paul Satre (Moody church Organist) and Wendy Cotton. Tara has participated in the NATS Classical Competition (advancing to Round 2), the Hal Leonard Art Song Competition, and the NATS Musical Theater Competition.

Tara's choir experience is extensive! In addition to being in her College Choir, she has performed with the Special Music Quartet, the Special Music Duo, 3/4 Hymn, a touring *a cappella* group, and her Church Choir. Tara also sings opera, and is an accomplished vocal trio, folk ensemble, and string quartet hymn arranger.

In 2017 Tara was the lead actress in Overshadowed Theater's musical *I'll Be Seeing You*.

She is also a gifted seamstress, and a Swing Dance & Country Dance Instructor. Tara teaches piano and voice at local studios and Vocal Technique & Project Voice classes for Christian Youth Theater.