# Faculty Feature: Allyson Lynch



**How long have you studied voice?**
I started taking voice lessons when I was 10 years old, so almost 22 years!

**Do you recall a specific performance during which you were very nervous? When was it and why were you so nervous?**
Making my international performance debut at the National Theater of Costa Rica in 2019. I was extra nervous because we were being televised by a local San Jose station and I was singing the alto solos, so not my usual voice part. It all went wonderfully, despite my nerves!

**What's your favorite song right now? Or your favorite artist?**
As a true millennial, I've been loving Lady Gaga's new album Mayhem and especially the song Die With a Smile (featuring Bruno Mars) because my husband and I love to sing along to it on the radio together.

**Favorite musical memory?**
Touring Europe with a choir and band the summer I graduated from high school, singing in different countries and seeing the world.

**What's the funniest thing a student has ever said to you?**
"Who are The Beatles? Didn't they do a cover of 'Here Comes the Sun'?"

**If you could learn any new instrument, what would it be?**
I'd have to say the acoustic guitar because I'd love to be able to accompany myself without the bulky keyboard to transport!

**Would you rather sing or dance in front of a crowd?**
Sing any day! But I'll happily bust a move in a musical, too

**Most practical practice tip?**
10-15 minutes multiple times a week is far more useful than one longer practice session between lessons.