



Choral Scholar interview featuring:
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What educational or degree goal are you currently pursuing?

I am currently in my sophomore year of my undergraduate (Bachelors of Music) degree in Vocal Performance at CCM.

Where was your birthplace? And where was your last place of residence (if different)?

I was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, but was raised in Cheshire, Connecticut. I attended high school in Manhattan, NYC, before coming to Cincinnati.

If you have a particular memorable highlight or two from your time at Calvary Church, what would it/they be?

My first Sunday at Calvary was highlighted by a particularly moving sermon. After a year in Cincinnati I had struggled to find a parish in which to both sing and worship. After that sermon I knew this could be a place where I belong, and could find community.

Please complete this sentence: "In five years, I hope to____?"

In five years, I hope to possibly be attending graduate school and living in either Manhattan or Europe.

...and: "In fifteen years, I hope to____"

In fifteen years, I hope to be singing in a major opera house, and be traveling the world as a professional opera singer.

If you could be another animal (or a plant!) instead of a human, what would you be? Why?

If I could be an animal, I would be a cheetah. I'm definitely made for speed, and I love their pattern!

You have been given the remarkable opportunity to invite five people (from any location and time period in world history) to a casual dinner party you will host. Who is on your invitation list?

First of all: there's nothing I love more than a dinner party. If I were given this opportunity, firstly I would invite Mirella Freni. She is one of my favorite sopranos, and an artist I look up to greatly. I would also invite Gaetano Donizetti (one of my favorite dead composers) and Tom Cipullo (one of my favorite living composers). Fourth and Fifth would be Erin Morley and Lisette Oropessa, two of my favorite living sopranos.