

HILLARY TUFFORD MEZZO-SOPRANO

BIOGRAPHY

As Flora in La Traviata with Brott Festival -

"Tufford's voice in particular has a rich, velvety tone and strength that points towards future starring roles."

Dawn Martens, Opera Canada

As Olga in Eugene Onegin with Highlands Opera Studio -

"Hillary Tufford was an engaging Olga, perfectly embodying the flirtatious innocence of the character, while also showcasing a rich, velvety tone; hers will be a voice to listen for in the future."

Dawn Martens, Opera Canada

Canadian mezzo soprano Hillary Tufford is a versatile and engaging performer. A 2017 Graduate of Western University (Masters in Literature and Performance), Hillary was invited to join the Yulanda M. Faris Young Artist Program at Vancouver Opera where she sang **Hebe** in their 2022 production of HMS Pinafore, and "almost stole the show" as **Lola** in their concert performance of Cavalleria Rusticana.

This season, Hillary makes her Toronto debut with Elmer Iseler Singers in *Messiah* and is a guest artist in Duruflé's Requiem with Victoria Philharmonic Choir. Hillary performed with Vancouver Bach Choir as alto soloist in performances of Rossini's Petite messe solennelle and recently debuted in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Kingston Symphony.

Hillary was "warm and fun as **Hermia**" in Vancouver Opera's recent production of Britten's A *Midsummer Night's Dream* and was a finalist in the Northwest Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition in Seattle. Hillary sang **Flora** in Brott Opera's 2023 production of *La Traviata*, Alain Trudel conducting.

At Highlands Opera Studio's production of Eugene Onegin, Opera Canada's Dawn Martens wrote "Hillary Tufford was an engaging Olga, perfectly embodying the flirtatious innocence of the character, while also showcasing a rich, velvety tone".

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