

# OPERA SINGERS INITIATIVE

## Andrea Bellissimo

Soprano Andrea Bellissimo is a dynamic and versatile performer who is equally at home in opera, classical, and jazz repertoire. Recent operatic roles include Musetta (Brooklyn Conservatory Summer Opera Workshop), Mlle. Silberklang (*Der Schauspieldirektor*, New York Opera Forum), La Princesse (*L'enfant et les Sortilèges*, Opera McGill), and La Ciesca (*Gianni Schicchi*, Opera McGill.) Ms. Bellissimo's concert and recital repertoire ranges from Bach to Webern and beyond, and as a student at McGill University, her interpretation of Beethoven's *Ah Perfido* received 1st place in the vocal division of the university's Classical Concerto Competition.

Ms. Bellissimo also has a background in stage direction and improvisational comedy that allows her to more fully inhabit her roles; *Opera Canada* cited her "deft comic touch" in addition to her vocal ability as Olympia in a 2006 production of *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* (Opera Nuova). When she is not singing, Andrea enjoys writing and volunteering for Figure Skating in Harlem.