



Joanna Trafas soprano, born in Krakow, raised in California, graduated with distinction from the Academy of Music in Krakow (Vocal and Acting Department) in 2008. She is also a graduate of the Jagiellonian University (Master of Musicology, 2006). A prize-winner at competitions and participant of festivals both in Poland and abroad, she developed her skills at various master-classes. She made her professional stage debut in Wroclaw in 2005, playing Eliza in *My Fair Lady*, then moving on to the role of Maria in *West Side Story* in Teatr Rozrywki, Chorzow. Opera and operetta experience includes student shows prepared in cooperation with Krakow Opera: Amore in *Orfeo ed Euridice*, Witch and Belinda in *Dido and Aeneas*, scenes from *L'elisir d'amore*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Don Giovanni*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Die Fledermaus* *Csardasfürstin*, *Boccaccio*, and *Clivia*. She is a recipient of the City of Krakow Creative Scholarship (2007) and has recorded some film and theatre music. An avid recitalist, she performs a wide range of repertoire spanning 7 centuries and various genres.