

## Biography



### **Annamaria Stefanelli**

Annamaria is a professional opera singer, director, editor, published poet, and songwriter, playwright, and educator who also owns her own company A&R Artists, and is on the faculty of the Academy of Music and Dance in Spotswood NJ.

She has a B.A. in Drama and English from Franklin and Marshal College, a Masters in English and American Literature from New York University and is currently studying for a degree in Opera Studies from Rose Bruford College in the United Kingdom.

Annamaria has directed both straight plays, musicals and operatic scenes. She is the creator and principal artist of an opera program for children called Opera Fun, which she has performed to over 500 students. She is also the creator of a lecture performance program on the history of Italian Opera.

She has performed in numerous fundraising events, including events for the Alzheimer's Association, Special Olympics, and Organization for Autism Research. A proponent of Italian Heritage and Culture, she has sung at the request of the Italian vice consul in New York City as well as the NJ vice consul and the Italian Hall of Fame.

At the Academy of Music, Ms. Stefanelli is the creator of The Magic Black Box Theater Players, where she directs, produces and writes the scripts for each semester's performances.

In 2013, Ms. Stefanelli also released a CD, "The Gifts of a Classical Christmas."