



Mariam Elizabeth Haddad

Profile

An American-Arab born and raised along the El Paso-Juarez border, Ms. Haddad has enjoyed performing leading roles in operas as well as in solo and chamber music recitals as both pianist and singer, nationally and internationally, on stage, television and radio.

Music has been a lifelong passion that began with formal training and performances as a child in piano, singing, dance, choir and band. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Piano Performance and a minor in vocal performance with multiple honors such as Outstanding Music Student, First Place in the university's annual Concerto and Aria Competition in voice, First Place in the El Paso Symphony Guild's Young Artist Competition in piano as well as served as El Paso Pro-Musica's Young Artist of the Year 1995 – 1996.

Professionally, she has enjoyed studying and performing operatic roles such as Rosina (*Il Barbieri de Siviglia*), Gilda (*Rigoletto*), Mimi (*La Boheme*), Queen of the Night and the First Lady (*Die Zauberflote*), Lisette (*La Rondine*), Violetta (*La Traviata*). She enjoys performing in collaborative classical concerts featuring her piano duo and classical vocal repertoire such as art songs by Gabriel Faure, Manuel de Falla, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Dvorak and other great classical composers.

She studied extensively under internationally renowned tenor Lazzaro Ferarri, retired Metropolitan Opera conductor Bill Weibel, Debria Brown, Dr. Kwang-Wu Kim, Dr. Neil Stannard, Hal Lanier, Pedro Yanez and Martha Ramirez-Welch. She has been coached by Catherine Ciesinski, Dr. Sharon Radionoff, Bridgette Hooks, Pablo Zinger, Federico Cortese, Melissa Parks, Ted Taylor, Stephen Prutsman, Nohema Fernandez, Dr. Victor Rosenbaum, Luis Battle and Michael Kannen.

Currently, she is collaborating with fellow musician Donn Dubois in conceiving, producing and recording original works on her soon to be released debut album, "Classically Undone." A multi-faceted artist, Mariam has taken sound pictures from her artistic life as a classical pianist, opera singer, composer and poet to create a refreshing new sound blended from the worlds of classical music and literature, world music, pop and jazz.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY

2010

December 2010

Vocalist: Traditional Christmas Carols including "Oh Holy Night!" and "What Child is This"
Accompanied by a classical guitar duo featuring Donn Dubois
Annual Christmas Event for the Guitar Society of Houston

November 2010

Solo Pianist: Played original music and classical music as background music
Gala Honoring Metropolitan Phillip
Hosted By: Forty Holy Martyrs Orthodox Church
Houston, TX

September 2010

Vocalist: The National Anthem
Event Honoring Texas Gubernatorial Candidates Governor Rick Perry and Hon. Bill White
Hosted By: Arab-American Voters
Arab-American Cultural and Community Center, Houston, TX

June 2010

Solo Pianist and Vocalist: Played/Sang Original Arrangement of The National Anthem & Original Work "Spirits Rebellious"
Luncheon honoring Police Chief McClelland
Hosted by: Farouk Shami
Maggiano's of Italy, Houston, TX

May 2010

Solo Pianist: Private Recital – Presented Original Work - "Spirits Rebellious" - Dowling Music Hall
A Foray Music Studio Production, Houston, TX

April 2010

Soprano Soloist: The National Anthem
The Rene Mowad Foundation Annual Fundraiser & Gala
Houston, TX

March 2010

Soprano Soloist: The National Anthem
The American Druze Society Annual Scholarship Gala & Benefit
Houston, TX

February 2010

Soprano Soloist: The National Anthem
The Arab-American Medical Association Gala
Houston, TX

2009

May 2009

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical) / Event Coordinator / Sponsorship Procurement:
"Salon a la Francaise"
A Foray Music Studio Production and the French American Chamber of Commerce
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical):
Live Interview & Performance with St. John Flynn
"The Front Row"
KUHF 88.7 FM

Houston, TX

2008

May 2008

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator:
Spring Studio Recital
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

December 2008

Pianist & Event Coordinator
Christmas Concert
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

October 2008

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical) / Event Coordinator / Sponsorship Procurement:
"A Song of Hope" – A Benefit Concert Supporting Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage
A Foray Music Studio Production
St. Joseph Orthodox Church
Houston, TX

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical):
Live Interview & Performance with Catherine Liu
"The Front Row"
KUHF 88.7 FM
Houston, TX

May 2008

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator:
Recital Presenting Three Student Performers: Competition Winners
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

May 2008

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator:
Spring Concert – Studio Recital
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

2007

May 2007

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical) / Event Coordinator / Sponsorship Procurement:
"A Song of Hope" – A Benefit Concert the Restoration of Ancient Orthodox Churches in Syria under Metropolitan Saba
A Foray Music Studio Production
St. Joseph Orthodox Church
Houston, TX

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical):
Live Interview & Performance with Catherine Liu
"The Front Row"
KUHF 88.7 FM
Houston, TX

Soprano Soloist & Piano Duo (Classical):
Performance – Private Event
Jean Border

April 2007

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator
Spring Concert – Studio Recital
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

October 2007

Soprano Soloist: The National Anthem
The Rene Mowad Foundation Annual Fundraiser & Gala
Houston, TX

December 2007

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator
Christmas Concert – Studio Recital
A Foray Music Studio Production
Ovations Theatre
Houston, TX

December 2003 - 2006

Artistic Director/ Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator
Annual Christmas & Spring Concerts
A Foray Music Studio Production
Various Theatres & Recital Halls in Houston
Houston, TX

2006

Featured Solo Pianist & Poet Arab Community Center
Event Honoring Head of the PLO Mission Event Afif Safieh
Featured Original Song "Deserted" & Poem "The Sandbox" by Mariam E. Haddad
Arab Community Center
Houston, TX

October 2006

Pianist / Instructor /Event Coordinator / Artistic Director
Showcase of Talent
The Children's Museum of Houston - Theatre
Houston, TX

December 2006

Artistic Director / Soprano / Pianist
Multi-Cultural Christmas Program
Consulado de Mexico
Houston, TX

December 2006

Guest Artist/ Soprano
Live Performance of "Oh Holy Night"
Channel 13 – Evangelina Vigil Pinon's Show
"Viva Houston" – Christmas Special
Houston, TX

2005

November 2005

Pianist / Instructor / Event Coordinator /Artistic Director

"Doorways" – A Multi-Cultural Performance Showcasing 5 Up and Coming Young Artists (Competition Winners)

A Foray Music Studio Production

Talento Bilingue – Theatre

Houston, TX

Pianist / Instructor /Event Coordinator / Artistic Director

Musical Moments: Showcase of Talent

Ovations Theatre

Houston, TX

Instructor / Artistic Director / Event Coordinator / Sponsorship Procurement

Homenaje de Las Estrellas: Hispanic Youth Artistic Showcase & Scholarship Drive

Featured: Up & Coming Talented Vocal Students from Foray Music Studio & their Bands / Community Arts Organizations

Jubilee Salon

Houston, TX

Soprano Soloist

The National Anthem

The National Arab American Medical Association Conference Gala

Houston, TX

2004

October 2004

Soprano Soloist

The National Anthem

Arab Community Center Gala

Houston, TX

2003

Featured Soprano & Pianist

Private Recital & Art Gallery Showing

Art Gallery de Thomas Schoelman

Houston, Texas

2002

Featured Soprano Soloist

Exposition of the Works of Robert Avalon: Carlotta's Aria

Directed by Modern Society for the Performing Arts, Robert Avalon

Barnes & Noble

Houston, TX

2001

January 2001

Featured Soprano Soloist / Artistic Director

Private Concert & Marketing Promotion for Houston Medical Imaging

Dr. Marcos Calderon

Houston, TX

October 2001

Featured Soprano Soloist with Orchestra

Motet: Exultate Jubilate K.165 by W. A. Mozart

Texas Choral Consort

Directed by Dr. Barry Williamson

Austin, TX

February 2001

Featured Soprano Soloist

Scholarship Fund Raiser for the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce

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Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
Houston, TX

February 2001

Featured Soprano Soloist
Recital with Angelo Ferrari
Chamizal National Memorial Theatre
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
El Paso, TX

2000

July 2000

"Die Zauberflote" – W.A. Mozart
Soprano Role: The First Lady
Opera in the Heights
Directed by Bill Weibel
Houston, TX

March 2000

"La Rondine" – Giacomo Puccini
Soprano Role : Lisette
Moore's School of Music
Directed by Buck Ross and Peter Jacoby
Houston, TX

1999

April 1999

"La Boheme" – Giacomo Puccini
Soprano: Mimi
Opera in the Heights
Directed by Bill Weibel
Houston, TX

February 1999

Guest Soprano Soloist Doctoral Recital
Act I Finale, Don Pasquale
Soprano Role: Norina
Moore's School of Music
Directed by Joey Evans
Houston, TX

January 1999

"Il Barbiere di Siviglia" – Gioachino Rossini
Soprano Role: Rosina
Opera in the Heights
Directed by Hal Spencer and Don Keller
Houston, TX

1998

October 1998

Soprano Soloist
Vocal Chamber Music
Texas Music Festivals
University of Houston
Houston, TX

Summer 1998

Guest Artist – Featured Soprano Soloist
Ateneo Fronterizo Foundation
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
Cd. Juarez, Mexico

1997

Fall 1997

Guest Artist – Featured Soprano Soloist
Bruce Nehring Consort
Directed by Bruce Nehring
El Paso, TX

Fall 1997

Guest Artist – Featured Soprano Soloist
Recital
Chamizal National Memorial Theatre
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
El Paso, TX

August 1997

Solo Recital: Featured Soprano Soloist
Kurland-Salzman Music Recital Hall
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
El Paso, TX

July 1997

Featured Soprano Soloist
Mother's Day Vocal Recital: Alzheimer's Unit
El Paso Area Retirement Facility
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
El Paso, TX

December 1997

Featured Solo Pianist
Private Christmas Concert
Volunteer Organization for Mental Retardation: The Torch of Hope
Directed by Lazzaro Ferrari
El Paso, TX

1996

1996 (throughout 1995 – 1996)

Solo Pianist
Private Piano Concerts: El Paso Area Nursing Homes
Solo Pianist / Guest Speaker Outreach Program:
Performed at several El Paso area schools and spoke about classical music/ live performances as well throughout the school year
Presented by Dr. Kwang Wu Kim, Artistic Director – El Paso Pro-Musica
El Paso, TX

Summer 1996

Pianist / Accompanist / Soprano Soloist
Texas Music Festivals - Close Encounters
Directed by Catherine Ciesinski
University of Houston
Houston, TX

Summer 1996

Soprano Soloist
University of Texas at El Paso: Classical Music of Latin America Showcase
Directed by Pablo Zinger
El Paso, TX

May 1996

Recital: Featured Artist (Piano)
El Paso Pro-Musica's Young Artist of the Year
Directed by Dr. Kwang-Wu Kim
El Paso Pro-Musica
El Paso, TX

Spring 1996

Orchestral Pianist
El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Players directed by Neil Thompson
El Paso Pro-Musica
El Paso, TX

Spring 1996

"Don Pasquale- Gaetano Donizetti
Soprano Role: Norina
University of Texas at El Paso
Directed by Dr. Victor Chacon and Pablo Zinger of New York
El Paso, TX

Spring 1996

Featured Guest Soloist with Orchestra: Competition Winner
University of Texas at El Paso Orchestra
Directed by Laurence Gibson
El Paso, TX

Spring 1996

Featured Soprano Soloist
Mozart's Mass in C University of Texas at El Paso Orchestra
University Chorale
Directed by Dr. Barry Williamson
El Paso, TX

Spring 1996

Featured Soprano Soloist,
Motet: Exsultate Jubilate K.165 with Orchestra
El Paso Community Youth Orchestra
El Paso, TX

Fall 1996

Featured Artist: Pianist
Annual El Paso Symphony Guild Luncheon honoring Gurer Aykal, Symphony Orchestra Director
El Paso, TX

1995

Fall 1995

Featured Soprano Soloist, Alleluia from Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate
University Chorale
Directed by Dr. Barry Williamson

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El Paso, TX

Fall 1995

Chorale Member (Soprano) Beethoven's 9th Symphony
El Paso Symphony Orchestra Chorus
Directed by Dr. Barry Williamson and Gurer Aykal
El Paso, TX

Fall 1995 / Spring 1996

Recital with Annalisa Martinez, Cellist
Featured Solo & Chamber Music Pianist
University of Texas at El Paso
Directed by Dr. Neil Stannard and Dr. Marcia Fountain
El Paso, TX

1994

Fall 1994

Artistic Director
Christmas Program for the El Paso Downtown Development Association
El Paso, TX

1990

Summer 1990

"The Gondoliers"
Gilbert & Sullivan
Soprano: Guilia
El Paso Independent School District Summer Musical
El Paso, TX

Summer 1990

The Christmas Carol
Role: Fran
El Paso High School's Dinner Theatre
El Paso, TX

1988

Fall 1988

"The Matchmaker"
Role: Ermengarde
El Paso High School's Dinner Theatre
El Paso, TX

1982 – 1990

Pianist	Piano Recitals all throughout Artistic Development
Pianist	Annual National Guild Auditions (Piano)
Clarinet	1 st Chair – 3 rd Chair Band
Clarinet	All-Region Band
Clarinet	Band Concerts
Voice	Choir Concerts / Choir Accompanist (Piano) / Substitute Director

EDUCATION

Landmark Education

The Landmark Forum
The Advanced Course

Masters in Fine Arts: Operatic Performance 1998-1999

University of Houston
15 hours towards degree
GPA: 3.87

Post-Graduate Coursework in Piano Performance 1997 - 1998

University of Texas at El Paso
15 hours
GPA: 4.00

Undergraduate Degree 1997

Bachelors of Fine Arts: Piano Performance with a minor in Vocal Performance
Graduated Magna cum Laude
GPA: 3.80

Honors: Junior Scholars Program 1991 - 1992

Attended the University of Texas at El Paso during my senior year of high school.
Received dual credits.
This allowed me to study full time with my piano professor Dr. Neil Stannard.

High School Diploma 1992

El Paso High School, El Paso, TX

COACHES / TEACHERS OF NOTE

Bill Weibel

*World-renowned Metropolitan Opera conductor and currently artistic director of Opera in the Heights.
Private repertoire and vocal coaching for 1 and half years.
Sang roles in two operas he conducted.*

Debria Brown

Two years of private vocal studies

Catherine Ciesinski

*A leading American mezzo-soprano
7 months of private vocal study*

Hal Lanier

*Past Music Director of Opera & Artist Teacher of Opera Studies at Rice University
Repertoire coaching during Masters studies at University of Houston
2 years private coaching 2007 - 2009*

Pedro Yanez

*Coach / Accompanist for Victoria de Los Angeles's studio in Spain at the Barcelona Opera, HGO, Arizona Opera Company, Santa Fe Opera, French National Opera
Private Repertoire coaching 2 years*

Mr. Lazzarro Ferrari

*Internationally Renowned tenor
Private vocal study for six years
Accompanied his studio
Studied French, German, Spanish and Italian diction with him during the duration of study*

Dr. Kwang-Wu Kim

*Past teaching assistant to famed pianist Leon Fleisher, performer, Artistic Director – El Paso Pro-Musica, Director – Longy School of Music
4 years of private piano performance and chamber music classical studies
Repertoire vocal coaching
Diction coaching in French and German*

Dr. Neil Stannard

*Piano Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso
4 years of private piano study, accompanying and chamber music*

Martha Ramirez-Welch

*Studied the Feldenkrais Method with her for 3 years to understand more about how to use the body as an instrument
Helped me rehabilitate from car accident to be able to play the piano again*

Dr. Sharon Radionoff

Studied singing-speech production from a pathological perspective with her for 6 months

Life, Career and Business Coaching

Merilyn Fance – Breakthrough Seminars (7 years)

Business Coaching

Ken Jones – Director of Entrepreneurialship Program at the University of Houston, Downtown

PERFORMANCE COACHING / MASTER CLASS

Kathryn Ciesinski, Voice

Bridgette Hooks, Voice

Pablo Zinger, Voice

Federico Cortese, Voice

Melissa Parks, Voice

Ted Taylor, Voice

Stephen Prutsman, Piano

Nohema Fernandez, Piano

Dr. Victor Rosenbaum, Piano / Chamber Music

Luis Battle, Vocal Accompanying

Michael Kannen, Chamber Music

AWARDS / HONORS

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1992 – 1996

Middle Eastern Descendants Club of El Paso, TX - Annual Scholarship Award of Achievement
Roderick Academic Scholarship
Menker Academic Scholarship
Phoebe Mutnick Scholarship: Piano Excellence

1997

Pi Kappa Lambda
Honorary Music Society - chosen by the music faculty for high performance levels and excellence in scholastic achievement

1995

Outstanding Music Student of the Year / University of Texas at El Paso Annual Award / Awarded by Music Faculty

1996

Outstanding Music Student of the Year / University of Texas at El Paso Annual Award / Awarded by Music Faculty

1991 - 1992

Junior Scholars Program

1998

Teaching Assistant for Piano Professor Dr. Kwang Wu Kim / University of Texas at El Paso

1991 – 1997

University of Texas at El Paso Dean's List / Every semester in Residence through Post-Graduate Studies

1997

Certificate of Recognition / Elliot Shapleigh / State Senator, District 29

1997

Featured in NOVA / Publication of The University of Texas at El Paso

1995 – 1996

El Paso Pro-Musica Young Artist of the Year

Spring 1996

First Place Winner / Annual Concerto & Aria Competition / University of Texas at El Paso

1994 – 1995

First Place Winner / Collegiate Division / El Paso Symphony Orchestra Guild Young Artist Competition

1988 – 1992

National Junior Honor Society
National Honor Society
Hispanic National Honor Society
New Mexico State University Scholar