

ELIZABETH LINS SHOENFELT

Soprano

- FULL BIO -

Ms. Shoenfelt graduated magna cum laude from Messiah College with a degree in music education and has worked as a high school choir director as well as the assistant chorus master for the Harrisburg Opera. In 2007 she received her master's degree in vocal performance from the Pennsylvania State University and has been employed by Shippensburg University's music department ever since as an adjunct professor. Since 2009 she has also been teaching music and directing the choir at Wilson College.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Shoenfelt maintains a private voice studio, directs the Susquehanna Young Womens' Chorale, and is a recurring choral adjudicator. Ms. Shoenfelt is a frequent recitalist throughout central PA and has sung principal roles with opera companies in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. She made her professional debut in 2001 singing the role of Juliet Brooks in the Pennsylvania premiere of Benjamin Britten's *The Little Sweep* with the Harrisburg Opera. In 2008 she was a soprano soloist in Mozart's *Mass in C Minor* with the Shippensburg Festival Series, and in 2009 she sang the soprano solo in Vaughan Williams's *Dona Nobis Pacem* under the direction of Robert Page at the annual PA-ACDA convention. Also in 2009 she sang with opera legend Frederica von Stade.

Ms. Shoenfelt has completed young artist programs in Siena, Italy, and most recently through Songfest in Malibu where she worked with composers such as Lori Laitman, Jake Heggie, and John Musto, singers from the Met roster, and pianists Martin Katz and Graham Johnson. In 2010 she sang the title role in Handel's *Semele* during the Bach-Handel Festival in Winchester and appeared as the soprano soloist in Mozart's *Requiem* with the Piedmont Symphony last December. Ms. Shoenfelt recently sang Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* in 2011 with the West Shore Symphony in central Pennsylvania and will be the featured artist with the Shippensburg University Orchestra in April of 2012. Ms. Shoenfelt has sung in a variety of venues including a concert for former Governor of Pennsylvania Mark Schweiker, a concert for Miss America, and an appearance with Kenny Rogers.

Currently she is working on her DMA in vocal performance at Shenandoah University. Ms. Shoenfelt lives in Carlisle, PA, with her husband, daughter, infant son, and very destructive yellow Lab.