IESHA MARTINEZ

Vocal Training, Voice with Emphasis in Vocal Performance, & Piano



lesha is currently concluding her Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music Performance. She is studying at Southeastern University under Dr. Shudong Braamse and is due to graduate in April of 2020.

Growing up in a musical home, lesha's passion grew for music which led her to becoming involved in many projects. In high school, she was part of the show choir and women's choir, leading dance numbers and solos. After high school, she attended Hillsborough Community College where she earned her Associates with an emphasis in music. lesha began leading worship at her church since 2014 and continues to do so.

lesha is well known for her passion to perform on the operatic live stage. She has been with Opera Tampa at the Straz Center for the past 5 years. She was part of the vocal ensemble for *Ragtime*, was a chorister for *Madame Butterfly* and *Footloose*, and has sung as a chorister for Andrea Bocelli when he comes to Tampa. Her other performances include *Don Giovanni*, *La Traviata*, *Tosca*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo et Juliette*, and *Carmen*.

Using all that her has learned from her schooling and her experiences, lesha hopes to teach and inspire her students. She has a passion to see them learn and grow and hopes to instill that same passion in her students.