

**Denise Milner Howell, mezzo-soprano**, is equally at home on the opera, musical theatre or concert stage. Her solo engagements include performances with Opera Cleveland, Chautauqua Opera, Akron Lyric Opera Theatre, Tanglewood Festival, Akron Symphony Orchestra, Carousel Dinner Theatre, Sounds of Sousa Band, and Buffalo Philharmonic. Recent roles include Mercedes (Carmen), Hansel (HANSEL AND GRETEL), and Celia (IOLANTHE). She can be heard in a CD release on the North/South recording label singing “Sappho Songs”, composed by Ira-Paul Schwarz.

In addition to performing, Ms. Howell is an active voice teacher. She has served on the voice faculties of the University of Akron School of Music, Hochstein School of Music in Rochester, NY and the State University of New York College at Fredonia. Ms. Howell earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in music education from Long Island University/CW Post College, and a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from New England Conservatory of Music. She lives in Sharon Township, Ohio with her husband, Gregg, and their two sons, Miles and Wesley.