

**Carolyn Black-Sotir** is a versatile artist performing in and directing opera, oratorio, recital, musical theatre, and cabaret. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* characterizes her as “brilliant, shining, expressive, and confident,” while the *Baltimore Sun* describes her as “a wonderful singer, with beautiful tone and excellent diction; her portrayal is spontaneous and superbly characterized.”

As guest artist, Carolyn has sung with the region’s finest orchestras and is in demand on the university and concert circuits presenting programs ranging from the lieder of Alban Berg to the songs of Irving Berlin. Carolyn’s hallmark is her innovative and collaborative programming.

Carolyn works as a producer and director of opera and musical theatre. Most recently she served as producer, writer, director, and singer for *Bravo! Bernstein on Broadway* featuring the Peabody Orchestra. In collaboration with Center Stage, she produced a new work: *Shadowboxer*, an American opera about boxing legend Joe Louis.

Carolyn is a member of the Voice Faculty at Morgan State University. She is in demand as a clinician, conducting numerous master classes and workshops.

Carolyn’s commitment to the arts is illustrated in numerous advocacy efforts. Currently, she serves as Chair of the Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences. She hosts two arts television programs--*Kaleidoscope* and *smARTs*--as well as numerous PBS specials. She wrote, co-edited, and co-produced a documentary on American opera composer Dominick Argento, which aired on Minnesota Public Television. She co-founded *The Steinway Series at Silo Hill*, dedicated to reinventing the way people experience live classical music while raising awareness and research funds for Parkinson’s [[www.SteinwaySiloHill.org](http://www.SteinwaySiloHill.org)].

Dr. Black-Sotir is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Eastman School of Music with Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Vocal Performance and Literature. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice Performance with a special concentration in Directing from University of Maryland.