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## **Kathryn Shuman**

### **Soprano**

Kathryn Shuman is a versatile vocalist, composer and music teacher who performs regularly and writes music for voices, and instrumental ensembles of varying sizes.

Specializing in classical and jazz styles, Kathryn is experienced in performing several different genres including baroque, opera, jazz, blues, funk, soul, folk, and often mixtures of any of those.

She has performed internationally in places including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and various cathedrals, churches and festivals in Florence, Berlin, Wales, and Ireland. She has also sung in many music festivals in the US as well, including Monterey Jazz festival in September 2014, with the award-winning small jazz group, Pacific Standard Time.

She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Voice Performance at California Institute of the Arts this May 2016. She received a Bachelor of Music degree at Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University of Long Beach in 2014.

Currently, Shuman is in the process of recording an album with duo project, "Ben and Kat," featuring Ben Finley on bass. This project features vocals and electric bass both using live electronics and effects processing. This duo will be on a Canada and US East Coast tour July 2016. In addition to this project, Kathryn is working on a solo album featuring a handful of fellow artists. One of Kathryn's originals, "the habit is who I am" was chosen to be recorded for the CalArts' singer/songwriter project, released May 2015.

Kathryn has 7 years of music teaching experience. She has taught private and group lessons for voice and music theory at Marina High School in Huntington Beach, CA, and Poly Tech High School in Long Beach, CA. Kathryn taught the Institute voice class at CalArts while she was studying there.