



**Songs & Spirituals from the American Experience  
Cheryse McLeod Lewis, Mezzo-Soprano**

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Cheryse McLeod Lewis, Mezzo-Soprano, is an accomplished performer in opera, Broadway, concert, and recital. Most recently during the 2013-2014 season, Ms. Lewis performed on The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess 1<sup>st</sup> National Broadway Tour as U/S Bess. She appeared in the title role (Bess) numerous times to critical acclaim. Commended for her "stunning vocal power" (*Asheville Citizen Times*) and "rich lyric mezzo sound" (*Opera News Online*), some of Ms. Lewis' other leading roles include the title role in *Carmen* (Capital Opera Raleigh; Asheville Lyric Opera); Rosina in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Asheville Lyric Opera, Mansfield Symphony, Central Georgia Opera Guild); Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel* (Connecticut Opera; Greensboro Opera); The Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Opera Carolina; Connecticut Opera); and Prince Orlofsky in *Die Fledermaus* (Vashon Opera; Greensboro Opera). Ms. Lewis also appears in concert and recital to rave reviews and has performed as a soloist with Orchestra Seattle, Gettysburg Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Greensboro Symphony, New Britain (CT) Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, Mansfield Symphony, Piccolo Spoleto Festival, MOJA Festival, and Greensboro Oratorio Society. A proud native of Greensboro, NC, Ms. Lewis is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (BFA in Voice Performance), The University of NC at Greensboro (MM in Voice Performance), and The AJ Fletcher Opera Institute (Professional Artist Certificate in Opera). During the 2014-2015 season, Ms. Lewis' upcoming concert engagements include appearances with Boise Philharmonic, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Chipola College, Albany State University, Southern Adventist University, and Taylor University. Currently based in Seattle, WA, Ms. Lewis released her debut solo CD, *Spirituals*, in 2012. Learn more at [www.CheryseMusic.com](http://www.CheryseMusic.com).

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