

William Christoffels Biography

Wm. Christoffels trained at the prestigious Manhattan School of Music in New York City with the likes of Daniel Ferro (Kathleen Battles coach) and George Shirley (of the Met) having a career in Oratorio under the batons of Leonard Bernstein and Leopold Stokowski at Carnegie Hall and Philharmonic Hall. Following a stint with the United States Army field Band he settled in the New York metropolitan area and sang with the Amato Opera and Light Opera of Manhattan (LOOM), as well as the Schola Cantorum of New York and Schola Cantorum of New Jersey. Upon arriving upstate he studied with Peter Sicilian at Tri Cities Opera and performed with Cooperstown Theatre Festival and Glimmerglass Opera. Now living in the Elmira area he has performed with the Ithaca Opera, Elmira Choral Society, Cornell Savoyards, Thursday morning Musicales and the Market Street Irregulars. Much experience has been gleaned in a career spanning over 40 years.