

GEORGIA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

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SONGS FROM OPERAS, SING ALONG SONGS



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Abbie Hattauer, a 2010 transplant from Long Island, New York, has a varied music background. An avocational piano player for more than 40 years, she is currently studying classical guitar with Chad Shivers and sings in the choir of the Emerson Unitarian Universal Congregation in Marietta.

Her operatic experience came as a member of the Island Lyric Opera Company based in Garden City, New York where she performed in more than a dozen major operas and operettas for over twenty years. As their mezzo soprano soloist she sang such roles as Suzuki in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Amneris in Verdi's *Aida*, Siebel in Gounod's *Faust*, Annina in Verdi's *La Traviata*, Zozo in Lehar's *Merry Widow*, Lola in Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, La Principessa in Puccini's *Sour Angelica* and Prince Orlofsky in Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*.

Debra Hughes

Debra S. Hughes began singing as a youngster in Pennsylvania in church and school productions. She received her degree from Clarion University with credits from the Paris-American Academy of Fine Arts. After graduation & getting married she did solo concert work in New Jersey and Philadelphia but spent most of her time in a small church singing, on the radio, directing adult and children's choirs while occasionally doing musical work in local venues and raising four children.

She moved to Georgia and continued with concerts and solo work while homeschooling. Currently she enjoys volunteering with Atlanta music groups and teaching.

Dr. Utako Tanigawa

Dr. Utako Tanigawa has been in executive positions in technology and international business divisions in multiple global corporations such as American Express and WalMart for more than two decades. In addition, she's been an academic researcher and lecturer in Computer Science, Leadership Development, and Information Systems at Stanford, Boston, Colorado, Chicago and several more universities.

About six years ago, her life had a dramatic turn due to a life threatening illness. However, it brought her back "love of music" after 40 years of absence playing the piano, which provided a tangible lifeline. Music continues to play a key soothing and healing role as her recovery continues. She has been a several amateur competitions' contestant including Van Cliburn, and Washington DC, Chopin competition in Poland, and St. Petersburg in Russia.