

Daren's Bio

Daren is excited to join the TOI team for the 2026 season. With a very diverse career including as a singer, actor, pianist, teacher, and director, he is looking forward to working with this particular institute, in this beautiful setting, with so many talented people, fostering the next generation of talent.

After receiving his B of M from Hardin-Simmons University, he worked on his masters at the Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, in the studio of Jeanette Lombard, and Tom Jaber (coach).

He absolutely loved sharing the stage and creating beautiful music with some of the most amazing singers including: Sam Ramey, Cecilia Bartoli, Eva Marton, Joyce DiDonato, José Carreras, Susan Graham, Angela Gheorghiu, among others. Opera credits include Turandot, La Boheme, Romeo et Juliette, Susannah, La Cenerentola, Norma, The Magic Flute, Marriage of Figaro, Boris Godunov, Nabucco, Rigoletto, and a few world premieres - Florencia en el Amazonas, Jackie O, and Brian Boru.

These days, Daren is enjoying an early retirement playing with local Santa Fe orchestras, duets with husband Will (oboe), as the House Manager for the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, and treasures his time in the garden and the pottery studio.

Daren is also grateful for, and inspired by, the love and support of Will, Raj (our 105lb puppy), and friends and family.