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# OPERA AT ITS FINEST

DANCE DESIGN & PRODUCTION DRAMA FILMMAKING **MUSIC**

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**The A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute is a haven for extraordinary singers looking to reach new heights in their artistry.**

As a top-tier training ground for the most exceptional young vocalists, the A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute offers unparalleled in-depth education at the graduate and postgraduate levels. With a faculty of highly acclaimed resident artists and renowned visiting artists, you'll receive personalized, one-on-one instruction, coaching and master classes to help you hone your skills to perfection. To become a truly well-rounded performer, you need to learn other crucial skills as well. That's why we provide instruction in movement, dance, breathing, body awareness, stage combat and more. In addition to career enhancement strategies, UNCSA also provides multiple fully staged performance opportunities that will allow you to gain invaluable practical experience. Best of all, fellows accepted into this prestigious program are granted full-tuition scholarships, including all fees, as well as a living stipend, making the pursuit of excellence worry-free.



**FELLOWS RECEIVE  
FREE TUITION  
AND FEES,  
TRAVEL ASSISTANCE  
FOR AUDITIONS  
AND A STIPEND.**



A portrait of René Barbera, a man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a dark turtleneck and a dark blazer. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

**I LOVE TO PERFORM.  
WHEN I GET THE  
ATTENTION OF THE  
ROOM, I RELISH IT!**

**René Barbera**

Fletcher Fellow and tenor performing at The Metropolitan Opera, Royal Opera House, Teatro alla Scala and more.



## GUARANTEED PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

At UNCSA, you will immerse yourself in the world of opera like never before. With two productions of classical and contemporary opera and one program of opera scenes, you'll explore a vast range of styles and eras. Plus, our newly conceived productions are created by the talented students of the top-ranked UNCSA School of Design & Production, meaning you'll perform in front of professional-level sets and gain experience with costume and wig fittings and performance makeup. You'll also engage in local outreach programs, bringing the love of opera to the community.

## THREE ENTIRELY ENDOWED LEVELS OF STUDY

Exceptional singers deserve exceptional programs. The Fletcher Opera Professional Artist Certificate is a one-year post-master's program for uniquely qualified singers who demonstrate potential for success in a professional career. The Master of Music in vocal performance program is for qualified singers who demonstrate potential for advanced study in opera. The Graduate Artist Certificate in voice is a one-year program for qualified singers who want to pursue further study at the graduate level.





## EXPERIENCED FACULTY

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Our faculty members are active professional musicians who bring with them real-world experience and practical perspectives. With their support and challenging approach, you will explore your artistic voice and build technical skills that will prepare you for a career as a professional opera singer. We also offer advanced study in voice, language and diction along with weekly musical coaching with our highly skilled resident vocal coach and music director.

## REWARDING CAREERS

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The A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute has a long history of producing opera singers who have success in the industry. Many of its fellows have gone on to perform at some of the world's top opera houses and festivals, including The Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Staatsoper Berlin, Paris Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Bolshoi Opera and many more. UNCSA consistently produces some of the most talented and sought-after opera singers in the world.





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A woman with dark hair styled in a braid, wearing a purple opera gown with intricate lace and floral patterns. She is wearing white gloves and a necklace. The background is a gradient of blue and purple.

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