

Flora Kirou



Flora Kirou, soprano, was born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1991 and moved to New York with her family when she was 9 months old. She knew she wanted to be a singer from a very young age. She started taking voice lessons when she was 12 years old at the Harbor Conservatory for the performing arts. Afterwards, she attended the Fiorello LaGuardia Arts High School where she majored in voice and graduated with honors. Flora graduated from Mannes College the New School for Music in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Science and a major in vocal performance. She returned to Mannes and is now pursuing her Masters of Music. Flora has performed in many different venues and locations as a member and soloist of the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Youth Choir, including the Metropolitan Opera in celebration of the Olympics (2003); the United Nations (2004); Tampa, Florida with Mario Frangoulis to honor His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch (January 2006); Alice Tully Hall (2009), and in a concert tour to Istanbul, Turkey, Nicosia, Cyprus, and Peloponissos, Greece (July 2011). She sang with the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Youth Choir in September 2012 and December 2013 at Carnegie Hall as both a choir member and soloist. Flora has performed in a full opera production in Fiorello LaGuardia HS of "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan and has starred in the principal role as *Yum-yum*. She has sung in several opera scenes concerts at Mannes College and has also participated in various Summer Music Programs, including in Novafeltria, Italy in July 2010, where she performed in Rimini, Bologna, and Novafeltria. In June 2011, she participated in a program called "Songfest" in Malibu, California, in which she also performed several times. From mid-May to early June 2012 she participated in a program called "L'Art du Chant Francais" in Perigold, France. Flora sang *Dido* in a full production of Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" and *Illa* in Mozart's "Idomeneo" at the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival in the Summer of 2013. This Summer of 2014 she gave a recital in Kastoria, Greece with classical and Greek folk songs. Flora is looking forward to more recitals and scenes performances at Mannes College.