

NaGuanda Nobles

Like most great singers, NaGuanda Nobles began singing within the supportive walls of her home church. It was there when she discovered a love for singing and developed as a soloist, under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Henry. Although she was born in Tallahassee, Mrs. Nobles attended Thomasville High School, where she began her classical training. She accepted a full scholarship to attend Florida State University (FSU) and received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in voice performance.

Throughout her years of college, Mrs. Nobles was a featured soloist with the Florida State University Singers, directed by Dr. André Thomas. Mrs. Nobles has made her mark on stage as a recitalist and an opera performer with the Pittsburgh Opera, Atlanta Opera, Austin Lyric Opera, The Dayton Opera, to name a few. She was also a featured soloist with Wynton Marsalis and The Boston Symphony, under the direction of Kurt Masur.

She offers a winning combination of beauty and intensity in her singing, which has granted her to claim the first place prize with various prestigious competitions like the Shreveport 'Singer of the Year', the Fritz and Lavinia Jensen Foundation Competition, the Irene Dalis Vocal Competition in its inaugural year, the Opera Birmingham Vocal competition, and the Classical Singer Convention competition, Division 1, in its inaugural year.

Mrs. Nobles released her debut CD of spirituals, entitled "Homage to the Journey" in 2014. The CD pays tribute to her ancestors, who granted her the opportunity to share her gift by the sacrifices that were made, as well as her personal journey to accept her gift of song.

Mrs. Nobles has traveled as the soprano soloist for various concerts, including the Soul of America tour throughout Europe with the Berlin Rundfunkchor, the Netherlands Radio Choir, and the NDR Choir Festival in Hamburg, receiving rave reviews for her "big, warming soprano with a lovely shimmering top that she uses with a ravishing effect". In 2020, she made her debut with the London Symphony.

In 2019, Mrs. Nobles founded The HighArt Foundation, a non-profit organization that awards scholarships and provides mentorship to graduating high school seniors who are planning to pursue a degree in music. To learn more about the foundation and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.the-haf.org.