**Cherissia Williams**

  Born in the island of Trinidad and Tobago, Brooklyn raised Soprano Cherissia Williams is a Professional Studies & Master’s Degree graduate from Manhattan School of Music. This season she sung the role of the First Lady in Once Upon an Opera’s production of *The Magic Flute.* Previous credits include the Dew Fairy in Once Upon an Opera’s production of*Hansel and Gretel*, the chorus of The Martina Arroyo Foundation’s Prelude to Performance production of *Carmen,* Sister Constance in the Midwest Institute of Opera’s production of *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, *Hansel und Gretel* (Dew Fairy) with Manhattan School of Music,*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*(Peaseblossom) with the Westminster Choir College Opera Theater, *Nine* (Our Lady of the Spa) with the Westminster Players and *The Gondoliers* (Giulia) with the Fiorello H. LaGuardia H.S. Opera Workshop. Scene work includes *Le nozze di Figaro*(Contessa) with Opera Viva, *Die Zauberflöte* (Knabe 2), and *Lakmé*(Malika) with the New York Summer Opera Scenes.

Ms. Williams has performed as a soloist in major works such as Poulenc’s *Gloria*,  
Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*, and Dubois’ *The Last Seven Words of Christ*. In addition to  
singing, she is a volunteer artist for Sing for Hope, one of the owners of The Sparkle Twins, and is the former Director of Amateur Licensing for Broadway Licensing. Ms. Williams is also a professional commercial and print model. She most recently starred in the national Verizon Holiday commercial along with her identical twin sister. Which received over 2 million views worldwide. Ms. Williams holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Westminster Choir College.

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