

Dear Cappelluti Family - May 17, 2007

I am a junior Music Performance major at Wake Forest. I just received the Christian Cappelluti Prize for my senior year. I wanted to express my sincere thanks and to tell you a little about myself.

I have lived in Fayetteville, NC all my life. Born into a musical family, I played the violin before seriously studying voice with Teresa Radomski.

My sister just received her Masters in Violin Performance from Manhattan School of Music. She lives in Manhattan, giving me a lot of time to visit and attend lots of Operas at the Metropolitan Opera.

My musical background, combined with a semester in Vienna, Austria solidified my desire and calling to be a musician. I am a soprano and hope to attend Grad school after Wake Forest.

I also take piano with Joanne Inkman. I recently had my first operatic debut as Hansel in Engelbert Humperdinck's Hansel und Gretel. It was 6 performances ~~for~~ for school children. I also won 2nd place in the Giles Harris Competitions, and recently nominated for Honors in Music. I plan to have an Honors recital in Feb. of 2008. I am also researching the works of Alma Mahler.

I've heard wonderful stories about the energy and life your son had for music. I will do my best to have the same energy and life for my music at Wake Forest and the rest of my career. I am honored to be a Christian Cappelluti Prize recipient.

Thank you! Sincerely, Johanna Young