

A New Voice at Madonna University

Madonna University in Livonia welcomes a new voice on campus. **Ann Arbor resident Allen Schrott, Ph.D.**, recently joined the ranks of talented music faculty. With a specialty in contemporary music, Schrott will be teaching applied voice.

A bass-baritone, Schrott received his doctorate in music from the University of Michigan, where he studied under Leslie Guinn. As a performer, Schrott has appeared with New York City's Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Grand Rapids Symphony, the Aspen Opera Theatre and Chamber Orchestra, Detroit's Michigan Opera Theatre, and many other local and regional arts presenters. He has been privileged to work with notable conductors such as James Conlon, David Zinman, Robert Spano and Grant Gershon, and composers Thomas Adès, John Harbison and Bright Sheng.

"I am looking forward to being a part of Madonna University," Schrott said. "Singing is an art that requires dedication and patience, and a liberal arts university like Madonna provides a unique opportunity for exploration and mentoring in a supportive atmosphere - the study of music within a context of broader curiosity."

With a broad performance repertoire, Schrott has sung extensively from the Baroque masterpieces of Bach and Handel to contemporary scores, and from opera to art song. He has sung the world premiers of three song cycles and two operas, and has sung the American premiers of two more works for the stage. The operas of Mozart, the song cycles of Schubert, the music of Charles Ives and repertoire written for the bass voice, have all been special areas of interest and study. Away from the concert stage, Schrott served as a previous editorial assistant for the quarterly journal, *American Music*, and has taught privately in Ann Arbor for the past seven years.

"We continue to add to our cadre of very talented faculty with the addition of Dr. Allen Schrott to our applied music area," said Linette Popoff-Parks, professor and chair, music. "He brings a unique edge to our department with his interest in modern vocal music. A gifted singer, Allen will continue to perform in the professional venues that have been graced by his voice in the past."

Madonna University offers a major in music with concentrations in: church music, instrumental/vocal performance, music education and music management. The program features excellent music faculty, large ensemble performing opportunities with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Madonna University Chorale, solo and chamber music performing opportunities, advanced placement in applied music, small class size and individualized instruction.

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