
Gloria Wood

Bay Area performer, vocal coach, and musical director, GLORIA WOOD, is delighted to be able to offer this workshop to her beloved coastal community, which has been her second home for years.

Gloria has a Masters Degree in vocal performance, and has been actively performing, as well as teaching voice and musically-directing shows for over thirty years. She is well-known to Bay Area audiences, for her leading roles in many musicals: - i.e. Mrs. Lovett in 'Sweeney Todd,' Golde in 'Fiddler on the Roof,' 'The Mother Abbess' in 'The Sound of Music,' Dolly Levi in 'Hello, Dolly!' and many more. She is vocal coach to many Bay Area performers - both adults and teens – who actively perform in many different theatre companies as well as in high school and college productions and musical theatre performance camps around the U.S.

She's conducted a number of workshops in Marin and also taught musical theatre performance classes at Marin Musical Theatre Co. as well as Vector Theatre Conservatory. Some of the shows she's musically-directed and accompanied, are: "Mame," "Crazy for You," "Me and My Girl," "Once Upon a Mattress," "Quilters," "Gypsy," "Cabaret," and "Into the Woods." She won the Bay Area Critics Award for her musical direction of "Once Upon a Mattress."

Gloria welcomes everyone who would like to participate in exploring some of Broadway and Movie Musical's colorful songs and scenes to join in the fun! There is a wide range of talent on the coast, and whether an experienced performer or a new-comer to the stage - all are welcome to join the class!

Many coastal residents may recall two showcases, which Gloria put together for local singers/actresses, Olivia Harrison ("It's Olivia!") and Laura Leigh ("Laura Leigh, Stepping Into the Light") in the past few years, at GAC. She has also performed on the GAC stage many times. One such instance was when she joined forces with Sita Milchev, and the late and beloved Jan Harris, for a cabaret evening: "Broadway Babes." Gloria also had the pleasure of playing the piano for talented director and coastal performer, Tony Ariola's, "Ain't Misbehavin'."

It will be a busy coastal weekend, but the class will put on an afternoon performance, July 5th, at the Arts Center, for friends and family members, to show what everyone's been working on, and – of course - all community members will be invited!

There will be a fee for the class, but also a sliding scale. Gloria does not want to exclude anyone because of financial circumstances.

As a performer (outside of musical theater):

- San Francisco Opera Company Chorus (Full-Time Member for Five Years) San Francisco Symphony Chorus (Union Member/Frequent Soloist-Five Years)
- Extensive solo and recital work throughout the Bay Area & U.S.
- Performer - The Bracebridge Dinners - Yosemite, CA; First concert artist for "San Francisco Performances At Six";

Roles played in Musical Theatre:

- Mother Abbess : THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Mountain Play - Marin County)
- Alma Hix: THE MUSIC MAN (Mountain Play)
- Mrs. Pierce: MY FAIR LADY (Mountain Play)
- Widow Corney: OLIVER! (Mountain Play)
- Mrs. Pugh and Francis Perkins : ANNIE (Mountain Play)
- Jack's Mom: INTO THE WOODS (Novato Theatre Co.)
- Cordelia: FALSETTOS (Hoochi-Doo Productions)
- Anna Maurant: STREET SCENE (College Of Marin)
- Mrs. Peachum: THREE PENNY OPERA (College Of Marin)
- Mrs. Lovett: SWEENEY TODD (Marin Civic Light Opera)
- Dolly Levi: HELLO, DOLLY! (Marin Civic Light Opera)
- Golde: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (Marin Civic Light Opera)
- Madame Dubonnet: THE BOY FRIEND (Marin Civic Light Opera)

Cabaret Experience:

- Toured throughout the United States for eleven (11) years with Peter Arnott Productions (corporation/industrial shows)
- "From Broadway With Love" - cabaret show, also for Peter Arnott Productions - Performances throughout the Bay Area and in New York City.
- Many solo performances of Gloria's show in Marin, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties
- Ten month run of "It Starts When We're Kids" (Gloria created the show and performed in it with five other actors/singers) - Larkspur Cafe Theatre - Larkspur, CA

Recording Experience:

TV/RADIO Commercial Work

Voice-over recording for Disney World (The Living Seas Pavilion)
