

Sharon Garvey Cohen

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1996



A member of the Class of 1981, Sharon Garvey Cohen was an active Thespian at Washington High School and also participated in orchestra and chorus. The Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella* is a favorite memory from her many play and musical roles at WHS, which included *Guys and Dolls* and, of course, Playtime Poppy shows.

Sharon earned her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Simpson College and a master's degree in Vocal Performance from Northwestern University. She has enjoyed a long career in professional organizations as an operatic soprano.

During her lengthy chorus career at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, she enjoyed roles in *My Fair Lady*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Ghosts of Versailles*, *Fedora*, *Suor Angelica*, and *Dialogues of the Carmelites*.

Sharon sang in the chorus of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, which was directed by Sir Georg Solti and won a Grammy Award. When not performing, Sharon enjoys teaching voice, violin, and piano.