

Karla Anderson Goettel

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1993

Karla Anderson Goettel is a 1968 graduate of Washington High School who distinguished herself both during her high school days and since. She graduated magna cum laude in Vocal Performance from the University of Iowa and later apprenticed with Des Moines Metro Opera, then coached with conductors from the Metropolitan Opera and the Chicago Lyric Opera.

Karla's soprano voice serves her in a career of extraordinary range. She has performed with the Omaha, Mankato, Dubuque, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Clinton, Wartburg and Northwest Iowa Symphonies as well as many performances with the Cedar Rapids Symphony and two leading roles with the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre. She has been a frequent guest with Liar's Theatre and held a 12-week contract with Old Creamery Theatre. Many of these performances have been broadcast on radio and television. Her solo recitals have taken her across the United States, including Boulder and Denver, Colorado, Arkansas, throughout Ohio, to Virginia and West Virginia and down the east coast of Florida, which culminated in a performance at the famed Flagler Museum in Palm Beach.

She was also selected to perform for the National Governors Gala.

Her honors include selection as one of thirteen finalists in the National Opera Association Auditions held in Dallas, Texas and a career development grant from the Young Artist Development Fund in Cleveland, Ohio. She has twice been named an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

Karla has toured extensively for the Iowa Arts Council, performing and teaching in over 60 Iowa communities. Her private voice students include many who have gone on to distinguished careers, including a number of WHS graduates.

