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ARTIST STATEMENT

As a composer it is my mission to create music that is both intelligent and soul satisfying. I approach my art as painting with sound, using poetry and texts that evoke a sense of color and texture. Some of my work uses already existing text. I also write poetry and have composed musical settings for a few of my own poems. Although I have dabbled in composition throughout my career, the bulk of my work has been in the last four years; mainly in the area of vocal music.

There are far fewer women than men in the world of music composition; even fewer who compose good classical repertoire for treble voices. Because I have a passion for the beauty and purity of vocal sound, many of my compositions are for a cappella voices, a genre in which repertoire is extremely limited. That both performers and audiences have met my music with great enthusiasm continues to inspire me to grow as a composer, using this creative opportunity to bring my own unique perspective to the realm of new music.