

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Stephen Lusmann, M.M.**, professor of music in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

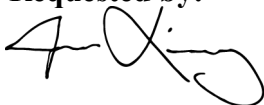
Professor Lusmann received an Artist Diploma in Opera in 1982 and a M.M. degree in vocal performance in 1980, both from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Professor Lusmann received a B.M. Mus.Ed. (voice) degree in 1977 from the State University of New York College at Fredonia. After serving three years as a Master Teacher of Voice, Artist in Residence, at Fairmont State College, Professor Lusmann joined the University of Michigan in 1999, as an assistant professor of music, in the Department of Voice, in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance (SMTD). In 2005, he was promoted to associate professor of music, with tenure, in SMTD, and in 2021, he was promoted to professor of music.

Professor Lusmann is the recipient of the 2020 Harold Haugh Award for Excellence in Studio Teaching. He was the principal voice teacher for the Fort Worth Opera Studio from 2010-2017 and has been a member of the voice faculty at the Seagle Festival, the oldest summer vocal training program in the United States, since 2001.

During the course of his rich international operatic career, baritone Stephen Lusmann has sung more than 40 leading roles with major opera houses, including the Oper der Stadt Bonn, Opera de Monte Carlo, Stadttheater Luzern, Washington National Opera, Cincinnati Opera, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Boston Lyric Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Fort Worth Opera, Florentine Opera, Opera Carolina, Opera Columbus, Anchorage Opera, Utah Opera, Opera Birmingham, Connecticut Grand Opera, Detroit Opera, Dayton Opera, Artpark, and tours with the New York City Opera. He has sung with important conductors and directors including Leonard Slatkin, Christopher Keene, Bertrand de Billy, Franco Zeffirelli, Gian Carlo Menotti, and Gian Carlo del Monaco. As an active concert soloist, Professor Lusmann has performed at venues including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, and Hill Auditorium; festivals including the Anchorage Festival of Music, Chautauqua Institute, the Music Festival of Pettoranello (Italy), the Romanian/American Music Festival in Timisoara (Romania), and the Amalfi Coast Music Festival; and with numerous symphony orchestras including the Buffalo Philharmonic, Sinfonieorchester Luzern, West Virginia Symphony, Little Orchestra Society of New York, Canton Symphony, and Shreveport Symphony.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Stephen Lusmann, professor emeritus of music**.

**Requested by:**



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**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

**May 2024**