



American soprano Katie Dukes Walker embraces the present-day relevance and excitement of classical music. She lives this belief through her work as performer, entrepreneur and educator. She believes the future of the creative arts lies within engaging new audiences in innovative and accessible ways. In addition to performing throughout the United States, Katie has performed internationally in locations such as Italy, Austria, and Belgium. Her ten years of executive leadership in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors with Amity Trio, Studio Forza and Chamber Music Campania exemplify her love for arts administration and leadership.

At the core of all her artistic output, Mrs. Dukes Walker believes in the power of community engagement, interdisciplinary arts and arts leadership. Currently, through an exciting collaboration with Mexican Composer, Nur Slim, Katie is spearheading the creation of a film adaptation of a bi-lingual dinosaur opera for children, *Lucrecia y el canto de los dudosarios*. She currently teaches many courses with the Arts Leadership and Business Program at the University of New Mexico: Business Planning for the Arts, Financial Management for Artists, ALBS Internship and Non-Profit Arts Administration. Since 2019, as a part of Amity Trio, she has been co-awarded over twelve grants amounting to almost one hundred thousand dollars worth of support. Having a savvy entrepreneurial spirit to procure support and funding is essential to her career, and she wants to share this knowledge with her students.

As a diverse singer of chamber music and opera, Katie has brought music to new audiences on the international and national stage through Opera Southwest, Reimagining Opera for Kids, Intimate Opera of Indianapolis, as well as in chamber performances with the Fiati Five wind quintet, the Kaemper Music Series, Carrizozo Music, and the Amity Trio (of which she is a founding member). In 2022, Amity Trio released their debut album *Between Us Now* and is slated to record their second album, "Border Crossings" in the Summer of 2024.

Katie holds degrees in vocal performance from the University of Northern Colorado and San José State University. She currently resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with her horn-playing husband Mike Walker, opera-loving dog Jake, and their daughter.

