

Carolyn Quick - Composer-Focused Biography (150 words):

Portland-based composer and soprano Carolyn Quick (she/her) is “a composer of growing renown” (Dr. Justin Smith) and “one of the most important voices in our community” (Makrokosmos Project). With her “deft touch at crafting melodies and textures” (Charles Rose, Oregon ArtsWatch) and “delicate and sensitive use of orchestration” (Sean Bickerton, Canadian Music Centre), Carolyn’s music has “a refreshing levity to its rhythms” (Rose), and is “deeply meaningful,” making a “huge impact on both singers and audiences” (Smith). Recent commissions include Fear No Music, Eugene Opera, Seattle Opera, and Cincinnati Song Initiative.

Carolyn also helped found new music group Persisting Sound and music distributor Raindrop New Music to help advocate for historically excluded composers.

When she isn’t singing, Carolyn enjoys hiking, spotting cute dogs, and spending time with family and friends.