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## OLIVIA BOEN, *soprano*

A native of Chicago, soprano **Olivia Boen** is in her third year of undergraduate studies at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music under the tutelage of Daune Mahy. As an opera singer, she has performed such roles as Norina in Oberlin In Italy's production of Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* and Lauretta in Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*. Equally at home performing contemporary music, Boen has collaborated with composers Peter Kramer, Shihui Yin, and Pok Yee Ng. Recent performance highlights include concerts in Siena, Cortona, and Arezzo in Tuscany through the Oberlin In Italy program. She has participated in master classes by such renowned artists as Renée Fleming, Eric Owens, Nicole Cabell, and Enza Ferrari. Boen was selected from more than 1,000 applicants as one of Opera Theater of St. Louis' Gerdine Young Artists and will begin her work with the company in April 2016.

Boen is a graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School in Oak Park, Illinois, and is the daughter of members of the Lyric Opera of Chicago orchestra. As a high school student, Boen studied with Elizabeth Gottlieb. While a member of the Chicago Children's Choir, she was a featured soloist with their Concert Choir, Madrigals, and Voice of Chicago groups.



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