

## BIOGRAPHY

Marla Fogderud, a native of North Dakota, is an active stage performer and recitalist throughout the United States and Europe. She was an apprentice artist with Des Moines Metro Opera and has performed roles with Opera Kansas, Wichita State University Opera, Fargo Moorhead Opera, and Michigan State University Opera. She has been a soloist with the Cincinnati International Chorale, Wichita Symphony, Wichita State University Orchestra, Greater Grand Forks Symphony, Michigan State University (MSU) Concert Band, MSU Philharmonic and MSU Symphony. Dr. Fogderud has appeared on the Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, Faculty Recital Series; Minnesota Public Radio Regional Artist broadcasts; North Dakota Museum of Art Summer Concert Series; Plymouth Music Series (Wichita); Nordvændt Concert Series (Minneapolis); the 2006 National Opera Association Convention and the 49<sup>th</sup> NATS National Conference (2006).

In 2009, she attended the Lotte Lehmann Akademie in Perleberg, Germany, on a full-tuition scholarship, where she worked with renowned soprano Karan Armstrong. She was invited to return to the program in 2010. A specialist in Norwegian art song, she has also appeared as a guest performer in Rolf Stang's play *Grieg, Edvard Grieg*. Since 2007 she has performed a lecture recital, "Norwegian Art Song in the "Golden Age," for multiple audiences, and developed a Norwegian song workshop first given at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2009. International engagements include solo recitals in Hamar and Oslo, Norway, and concerts in southern France and the Brandenburg region of Germany. She performed in May 2015 and October 2019 at the International Grieg Society Conferences in Bergen, Norway, featuring concerts in the salon at Grieg's home, Troldhaugen. She presented a lecture recital at the May 2017 conference, "SalzBergen: Exploring the Intersection of W.A. Mozart and Edvard Grieg," hosted by the Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes, and has had repeat performances in Watertown, SD, and Fargo, ND. She is the former secretary and vice-president of the Edvard Grieg Society of America and president of the Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas, an educational non-profit she founded in 2017.

Dr. Fogderud received her D.M.A. from Michigan State University, M.M. in Voice and Opera from Wichita State University and a B.M. degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. She also studied at the Norwegian National Academy of Music (Norges musikk høyskolen) in Oslo, where she worked with sopranos Ingrid Bjoner and Siff Pettersen. She is currently Assistant Professor of Voice at Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota. She is in demand nationally and internationally as a private voice teacher, vocal adjudicator, language coach, and translator.