## **Monette Gould**

Monette Gould is a soprano with many years of professional experience as a performer and teacher. Born in New Brunswick, she later moved to Toronto, Ontario to pursue her studies in music. Monette holds two performance diplomas, an A.R.C.T. and a Performance Licentiate, from The Royal Conservatory of Music, and an Opera Performance Diploma from the University of Toronto.

After completing her studies, Monette returned to New Brunswick to teach voice at Mount Allison University for a period of 20 years and for a period of 10 years at l'Université de Moncton. She also taught privately for 35 years and worked with high school students who wanted to prepare to enter university music programs.

Monette is the founder and director of the well-known *Voce dell Anima* Choir. She has also taught courses such as Diction for Singers, Sight-singing, Dictation and Aural Skills, and has given workshops on Stage Presence, How to Practice, Options in Music, and How to Set Up a Private Studio. She is highly regarded and is in very high demand as an adjudicator and clinician across the country. Many of her students have excelled, continuing on to some of the best international graduate programs, and winning prestigious awards, competitions and scholarships.

Monette continues to sing and coach, but when she is not doing music, she is a certified funeral celebrant. She also opened her own grooming business called *Monette's Gentle Grooming*. She is also very busy as the vice president of the Greater Moncton Music Festival.