

Michele Fowlin has been an accomplished musician for over 30 years. At the age of 9, Ms. Fowlin was accepted into the Julliard School's pre-college program, in piano, for aspiring young musicians. She won a variety of piano competitions and awards and participated in many festivals both nationally and internationally. Her musical pursuits eventually led her to focusing on the voice and conducting.

Ms. Fowlin is a two-time graduate of Howard University (Bachelor and Masters) in Vocal Performance/Pedagogy with a piano minor. While at Howard, she studied with renowned conductor James Weldon Norris and became the Assistant Conductor for University Choirs, conducting concerts nationally and internationally. During her Howard tenure, Ms. Fowlin's vocal career flourished greatly. Studying under the tutelage of renowned opera singers Regina McConnell, Carmen Balthrop, Charlotte Holloman and Sylvia Olden Lee, for coaching (Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle's coach) Ms. Fowlin took over as principle soloist for the University's traveling choir. This opportunity led her to solo recitals across the U.S., U.S. Virgin Islands, Europe, and Russia. She was a soloist at the funeral of former Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, a program at the Pentagon for former Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, President Obama, VP Biden and Gore, Michelle Obama's "Let Girls Learn" campaign, Ambassador Sasea of Japan and countless other senators, political officials and ambassadors and has been featured on NBC's 'The Today Show', WUSA9's 'Great Day Washington' and in a number of educational articles. Other well-noted performances have been her appearance as soloist in Handel's *Messiah*, *Beethoven's 9th*, The International Midwest Conference of Band and Orchestral Musicians performing John Mackey's "*Song to the Seas*", and The US State Dinner with Sara Bareilles (under Obama admin.).

Ms. Fowlin continued her vocal career while expanding her skills as a conductor and music teacher in the public-school system. Her desire to motivate young people, musically, has extended from the classroom into the community where she has worked with a number of organizations and churches throughout the DC Metropolitan area including her most current position as Artistic Director for Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel and Director of Choral Programs at Eleanor Roosevelt HS, Greenbelt, Md. Ms. Fowlin has appeared on many main stages in the DC Metropolitan area including The Kennedy Center, Strathmore Music Center, Lisner Auditorium, The National Cathedral and many other well-known venues as a soloist and conductor. She continues to hold clinics for vocal health and wellness, voice and piano master classes and gospel and choral music workshops.

Ms. Fowlin has been recognized with various awards including the Mayor's Award (Washington, DC), a Certificate of Recognition from the DC Commission on the Arts and Who's Who Among American Teachers. Ms. Fowlin currently performs recitals throughout the US and abroad alongside her esteemed accompanist, Muriel Bennett Balzer.