## **About Nicole**

Master Teaching Artist and operatic soprano, Nicole Taylor, is founder of Creativity Through Music, a cultural consulting agency that serves corporations, community organizations, government agencies, and schools through:

- 1. Cultural Diplomacy & Arts Advocacy
- 2. Creativity Consulting & Arts-based team building for healthy company cultures
- 3. Music Education & Community Outreach
- 4. Concerts & Cultural Events

A senior Arts Envoy of the U.S. Department of State since 2010, Nicole Taylor has traveled across the globe offering concerts, masterclasses & educational outreach programs for promoting understanding, compassionate communication, & building intercultural bridges. She has taught 150+ music education outreach programs in 15+ countries across the Middle East, North Africa & Europe.

Ms. Taylor holds a Masters degree from The Juilliard School in NY & has 25+ years of personal practice & training. She has taught masterclasses at Franz Liszt Academy & Kodaly Institute in Hungary, Royal Danish Academy of Music in Denmark, Dar Al Kalima University in Palestine, & Franco American Institute in France. She is a Partner Artist for NY-based NPO Sing For Hope, the largest recurring Public Arts project in the USA, known for dedication to Art for All, civic engagement, & cultural diplomacy. In 2021 she was featured in the Visiting American Professionals Program, sponsored by US Embassy Iraq in Baghdad & IREX, an NPO for global development & education.

After a Carnegie Hall debut in 2006, soprano Nicole Taylor was soloist in Zemlinsky's Psalm 83 at Ring Festival LA with James Conlon. World-premiere ensembles include: Suite for Peace by Kenny Burrell; Tribute concert with DeeDee Bridgewater, Lalo Schifrin, B.B. King, & Stevie Wonder; Sir Paul McCartney's oratorio Ecce Cor Meum with Orchestra of St. Luke's at Carnegie Hall; Eliott Goldenthal & Julie Taymor's opera Grendel for Lincoln Center Festival; Olan Jones' The Woman in the Wall at Overtone Industries LA. Solo recitals: Le Panthéon UNESCO Journée International du Jazz Paris with Thelonius Monk Institute LA; UNESCO World Heritage Site Pannonhalma Monastery Hungary; Sugrįžimai Festivalis Lithuania. Opera Ensembles: San Francisco Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Sarasota Opera, Lincoln Center Festival & Mostly Mozart Festival (NYC), NY Harlem Productions "Porgy & Bess".

In 2023, Nicole founded Music at Portside, a classical concert series, to share her love of chamber music and to increase opportunities to listen to live classical music in Ventura County.

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