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## **World-renowned soprano Edith Wiens conducts class at Laurier** *Singing enthusiasts given chance to observe technique of Canadian music ambassador*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is offering singing enthusiasts rare insight into how a world-renowned soprano interprets a piece of music. Canadian ambassador of classical music, Edith Wiens, will comment on approaches and technique when she conducts a master class from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, in Laurier’s Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

Wiens is known for her vast repertoire, which ranges from baroque to contemporary music, and for her collaborations with the world’s foremost conductors and orchestras. Born in Saskatoon and now residing in Germany, she has been called one of Canada’s classical music ambassadors and she received the Order of Canada last year.

“Edith Wiens is a particularly big star in Germany, but Canadians may be familiar with her through her recitals on the CBC and her tours with some of North America’s major orchestras,” says Daniel Lichti, a Faculty of Music professor who has performed with Wiens. “She has an amazing voice and remarkable technique. We’re thrilled our students have this unique and important opportunity to learn from her.”

The master class involves performances by five Laurier voice students, who Wiens will critique and coach throughout the session. The class is open to the public. Admission is \$5 for seniors and students, and \$10 for adults.

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