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## About the Author

Claudia Friedlander is a voice teacher and fitness expert based in New York City. She has presented workshops on vocal fitness for The Voice Foundation and the Performing Arts Medicine Association, and was an invited panel discussant on health and wellness for OPERA America. Her students have performed on Broadway, and at leading opera houses including The Santa Fe Opera and the Metropolitan Opera. She is the author of the monthly column "Musings on Mechanics" for *Classical Singer Magazine* as well as a widely read and cited blog on vocal technique and fitness, *The Liberated Voice*. In 2008, she joined the faculty of the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall, where her most recent project was the development, in collaboration with Joyce DiDonato, of *The Singer's Audition Handbook*, an interactive online career development guide for young singers.

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