



Dennis Jackson served on the voice faculty at the University of Colorado, Boulder for 31 years. During that time he served as chair of the voice faculty and head of the opera program. Under his leadership of the opera program, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education awarded the opera program a “Program of Excellence Award” – the only arts program at the university level to receive such recognition. He established the Summer Music Festival 30 years ago that is still in existence. His “Lyric Theatre Singers” toured Japan, Korea and the state of Colorado providing outreach programs. For several years the

Children’s Opera Program toured Colorado as well, providing children the opportunity to see live opera.

In 2001 he retired from CU, Boulder and moved to Western Carolina University where he established the Music Theatre Program as the Phillips Distinguished Professor of Music. Four years ago he and his wife Chris returned to Colorado and established residence in Colorado Springs where he has assisted the fund raising projects of Opera Theatre of the Rockies.

Jackson, worked with such people as Pierre Bernac, John McCollum, Nathaniel Merrill, John Reed, Dalton Baldwin, Martin Isepp and Vera Rosza. He has guest directed at Opera Colorado and several universities, served as an assistant for San Diego Opera and given recitals in many parts of the United States as well as England. He received his DMA from the University of Michigan.