

# All Classical

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## All Classical Portland Signs World Class Broadcaster

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27, 2015 - All Classical Portland 89.9 FM, KQAC, has selected Suzanne Nance to join their staff in the role of Program Director and On-Air Host.

Proclaimed the "Queen of Classical" by Maine's *Portland Press Herald*, Nance is an award-winning broadcaster, soprano, actor and arts ambassador who has produced and hosted dozens of radio and TV programs and documentaries. She most recently produced and hosted the afternoon drive-time radio show on 98.7FM WFMT Chicago in addition to her work as co-producer and host of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's internationally syndicated broadcast series and host of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra radio series (nationally syndicated). Other recent posts include co-producer and host of the Grant Park Music Festival series and the 2014 BravoVail! Music Festival syndicated radio series. Prior to joining WFMT in Chicago as host and producer in 2013, Nance was the music director and morning host for MPBN (Maine) where she created, produced and hosted the Emmy-award winning series *MaineArts!* She has also been praised for her work on a series of TV documentaries (produced at MPBN) including programs about Parkinson's disease (collaborating with Michael J. Fox) and Alzheimer's disease. Recent interviews include soprano Renée Fleming, violinists Joshua Bell and Hilary Hahn, mandolinist Chris Thile, pianist Yefim Bronfman and maestro Sir Andrew Davis.

An active and sought after soprano, Nance brings her artistry and musical excellence to the operatic, concert and recital stages. Hailed for her "crystalline voice" (*Bangor Daily News*) with "volcanic power" (*Downeast Magazine*) and exceptional dramatic abilities and comedic timing, Nance has performed a diverse range of music to sold out audiences. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Syracuse University and a Masters from DePaul University.

All Classical Portland's Vice President of Programming John Burk states, "It's extremely rare for a person to have a deep knowledge of the classical repertory, a passionate enthusiasm for music, a dedication to hard work and a delightful personality. Suzanne Nance is that rare bird and brings a wealth of broadcasting experience to the table. We're so very happy to have her on the All Classical team."

**All Classical Portland** is Portland, Oregon's classical radio station. Established in 1983, our mission is to advance knowledge of and appreciation for classical music; to build and sustain culturally vibrant local and global communities around this art form; to reflect the spirit of the Pacific Northwest; and to foster integrity, quality, and innovation in all that we do. For more information, visit [www.allclassical.org](http://www.allclassical.org).

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