

TESTIMONIALS

MONA SAMPATH KHAN, USA / INDIA

Artistic Director, Mona Khan Company

"It has been an incredible experience for us to work with Deirdre. We have had the opportunity to have our dancers work with her for 2 different showcases. In one, she worked with a soloist who sang and danced a medley of rock and roll songs. And for our recent show we had the entire cast of 15+ dancers singing as an ensemble while they danced. It was great to see how she was able to work with people who had no prior singing experience and enable them to sing a piece from a Broadway musical, that too while they danced. We saw them progress from week to week and were truly amazed how spectacular they were on stage. It has been a great collaboration and we hope to work with her more in the future to create more works that incorporate singing."

CHITRA SACHDEV, USA

Deirdre has been giving vocal lessons to Ria for the last few months. She is not only extremely talented but also patient and understanding that is key to working with kids with special needs. She takes time to understand Ria's strengths and accordingly moulds the lesson and technique. We have seen tremendous growth in Ria's voice and credit goes to Deirdre. We highly recommend her for vocal training and lessons.

MARIA & RICK PEREZ, USA

"Our special needs teen has been a student for just over six months and is making wonderful progress. He was able to sing a solo selection in a recital already and another coming soon! Teacher Deirdre has patiently, and with grace, helped our son find a joyful singing voice. Now she has to help him navigate the teen voice change!"

HANNAH BAUTISTA, USA

"My teacher Deirdre prepared me for my New York City audition for "South Pacific" the Broadway musical, and Les Misérables, I got the part! Thank you Deirdre!"

ALAUQUE PADAMSEE

International Director / Actor / Speaker / Advertising Guru

"Deirdre is an excellent Voice Coach who trained my 20 principal signers for my production of Jesus Christ Superstar - 2014. The result was remarkable...high calibre of singing. These days it is rare to come across a professional as devoted as Deirdre. It is not only her skill but her psychological approach to coaching that makes her unique. The Cast of Jesus Christ Superstar fell in love with her. My eternal thanks to this diva for her unstinting devotion to my production."

SHIAMAK DAVAR

International Choreographer / Director / Singer / Dancer

"Deirdre did a workshop for 70 of my students in Mumbai....Anybody studying under Deirdre can only benefit greatly by her expertise and developing their voice and learning healthy vocal technique."

CLYNTON FERNANDES, INDIA

"My name is Clynton and I am a tenor from Pune India. It's been some time now that I have been learning vocal technique from Ms. Lobo. In my very first lesson I felt an eye opening change in my vocal technique. I now have the confidence to take on challenging songs I would never even dream of singing before my lessons. Every class is a new experience for me, and I look forward to my next one very eagerly. Recently I competed in the iSing World Voice Competition in Paris, France and came out 2nd in the world

TARA SUTARIA

Bollywood Actress / Singer / Dancer, INDIA

"I'm Tara, and I've been a student of Deirdre's since January 2010. I've always enjoyed her classes because she is a WONDERFUL teacher and also has a great sense of humour! She instils so much confidence in me that it has

helped me in my work as anchor and actor on Disney Channel, in the many products I endorse as a model, and also in my avatar as recording artist for songs, jingles and background tracks. She is such a positive person that it leads you to believe you can be Beyoncé or Charlotte Church. She has developed my lower register so I can sing low notes too which as a high soprano, were very difficult before I began my training with her. Her song suggestions are cool. She understands what teens my age like and in my classical repertoire too she selects really enjoyable pieces. If it were up to me, I'd like all of Bombay to learn with her."

ABHILASHA CHELLAM VENKATRAMAN, INDIA

Bollywood Singer / Indian Classical Concert Artist

"I am a Carnatic trained student and do Bollywood back up singing in India. I used Deirdre's technique in singing my kind of music as it applies to all genres and have seen a huge difference. It has been a great experience working with Deirdre. I have learnt immensely from her, as she is amazing in the way she teaches and informative at the same time. She is very disciplined in her work. I have taken classes from her in Mumbai and via SKYPE. I have benefitted so much and see a drastic difference in my voice and singing all together. So being blessed with this opportunity I feel that there are many singers like us who are doing the wrong practice of the breathing technique which I have learnt from her. It is the most amazing technique which I have come across."

JENG GUILLEN, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA

"My son, has Autism Spectrum, and Ms. Deirdre treats him with respect, firmness and patience. We wouldn't trade her for any other teacher, and we highly recommend her."

KARLA SINGH, USA / INDIA

Choreographer / Director / Actress / Dancer

"It was a rewarding and educational experience for me working with Deirdre as Associate Director on our production of Jesus Christ Superstar over the last year. Through her training and technique she has transformed the lead performers in our production from good singers into great ones. Kudos to Deirdre on a job well done!"

ARADHANA BABU, USA

"I started with Deirdre in February 2016. I got introduced to her through a vocal workshop held here in Foster City. She demonstrated her vocal techniques and we also got to sing few songs. After the workshop I was so intrigued that I enrolled myself for her INTRODUCTORY LEVEL of CLAV. During the past few months I have learned many techniques like how to open the jaw and sing, throwing my voice, how to control the breath and breathe the proper way while singing so that the voice isn't restricted. I have used these skills in other choirs that I participate in. Ms. Deirdre teaches us songs from many different genres, including pop and musical theatre. Not only do we learn vocal skills but we also learn vocal theory. This includes how to read music, the different notes, and musical terms and sight reading. I have now enrolled myself in her second session the BASIC I Level of CLAV and learning new and useful vocal skills. I thoroughly enjoy her class and she is a wonderful teacher. I love her!"

PIA SUTARIA, INDIA

Choreographer / Dancer / Singer

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Deirdre for over 5 years now, and she has trained my voice for a little over a year. She inspires me with her determination to push my limits, and I feel like there has been quite an improvement in my projection and control, but most importantly, she has helped me build my confidence to get back on stage and sing again – which has got to be one of the best feelings in the world!"

ELIZABETH DIAS, INDIA

"My association with Deirdre goes way back. She is my teacher and my friend. Her accomplishments are tremendous, be it in her own vocal performances or what she's able to draw out from her students. Deirdre is a stickler for technique, simply because it produces a better sound and it protects the vocal chords in the long run. All that said, 'singing from the soul' is what she always pushes us to get to."

ARUNA RAGHURAM GOGI, USA

"I was looking for a music school in Foster City where I could learn to sing Indian music with like-minded folks and decided to enrol with Deirdre after enjoying the trial class. I learnt that I could use the western technique and adapt it to Indian music easily. Deirdre has been teaching me a completely different method with emphasis on the correct breathing technique, which makes it easier for me to sing at a higher pitch than I could earlier. We meet for classes once a week and after every class I am always eagerly looking forward to the next one."

KIM VAN'DRINE, INDIA

"Training with Deirdre has made a huge improvement in my technique and singing. Her tips on vowel modulation help a great deal. Deirdre understands all genres of music and her training applies to each one of them. I really enjoy each and every class I have with her."

DNYANESHWARI KATKAR, INDIA

"Deirdre mam has done wonders with my voice. I never used to be able to hit the high notes comfortably. But now, I can hit a high C# and still not feel any pressure or any sort of problem on my vocal chords. I've become such a better singer since I started training with her."

RANJANA SURESH, USA

"I am so glad to have our daughter Shilpa Suresh train at the Celia Lobo Academy of Voice (CLAV). Deirdre Lobo, the Artistic Director and founder of CLAV is a passionate teacher, and takes personal interest, and pride, in the success of each of her students. The students learn the nuances of singing, and learn a variety of songs. Shilpa has progressed along so wonderfully in the last year under Deirdre's tutelage, and is a confident singer now. I highly recommend Deirdre Lobo and CLAV for a complete and comprehensive musical education."

ANU SINGH, USA

"Thank you Deirdre for helping to make Singing such a positive experience for Somya. With all your patience, creativity and love, Somya has achieved a lot this year. She has started off on the right foot by having you as her teacher. You have made a great difference in Somya because you care so much about her, and you have directed her to trust herself and to become all that she has dreamed of becoming! My sincerest appreciation!"

BALA DESHPANDE, INDIA

"Deirdre is a very effective voice coach. Her approach is unique because she uses not only her ear for music to teach but also analyses the psychological impediments to a great voice. She is patient and puts in great efforts so that her student achieves her or his goals."

ANCHAL DATTA, INDIA

"I've been associated with Ms. Deirdre and her mother Ms. Celia Lobo for over 8 years now. I have never been able to sing the way I do now without being scared of singing high notes. The concept of singing the right way and the technique which we don't know is so beautifully taught and makes one feel like you can sing just about anything. The confidence I've been given by her is tremendous and what an amazing teacher she is! Thank you Deidre for who you are and what you do make us all better at a skill you excel at."

AMEYA JOG, INDIA

"It was really nice working with you Deirdre, Your technique helped me a lot in my singing. Your tips regarding live performance were also really helpful. Thanks for your valuable guidance."

DEEPIKA JOG, INDIA

"It was a wonderful experience learning western vocal exercises. I can now sing any song with such ease. It surely builds one's confidence. We all should learn these kinds of exercises. It helps a lot! It is just because of you Deirdre. Love you."

AVRIL FERNANDES, INDIA

"Deirdre Lobo is a patient and encouraging teacher. She is a subject matter expert in her field and her performances are proof of her skill. Over the past 2 years that I have been studying with her over Skype; she has helped raise my confidence and hone my technique from an interested student of classical music to someone actively pursuing examinations and applications to summer music programs."

LINDA CHIN & JOSEPH NEWHOFF, USA

"Our son William has been taking piano lessons with Deirdre since he was 2 1/2 years old. He has learned to sight read and play the keyboard with both hands simultaneously. Deirdre is very patient and truly enjoys teaching!"

MIRANDA GUERRERO, USA

"Deirdre shows genuine interest in her students. She is extremely patient and believes in all of her students."

ADELINE GRACIOUS, MUMBAI, INDIA

"My daughter, Desiree Gracious has been doing her voice training online on skype with Deirdre. Desiree enjoys her vocal training classes. There has been a huge improvement in her singing, pitching, breath control and confidence level. I am very happy to have Deirdre train my daughter. It is not easy to get a good teacher in India."

DESIREE GRACIOUS, INDIA

"I am Desiree. I am a student from India working with Deirdre online. I feel that my voice has changed for the better. Her technique works for all kinds of songs and all levels of students. After learning under her I hardly ever go off pitch when singing. Deirdre is truly an amazing teacher, as well as an amazing person. It's a great joy working with her every week."

TINA SUTARIA, MUMBAI, INDIA

"My daughter Tara has been a student of Deirdre Lobo since Jan 2010. After a lot of research and many years of looking for a good voice trainer, I found Deirdre more by accident than design. From the moment I watched her conduct a workshop for singing aspirants in Mumbai in Oct 2009, I realized my search was over. Ever since Tara began training with her on the internet via skype, I noted a big difference in her voice. Her performances have been much appreciated by critics and audiences alike. Deirdre is an extremely capable, conscientious and enlightened voice teacher. She relates well to people of all ages and has instilled a lot of confidence in my otherwise shy child. Tara has already come into her own and I am sure that in a couple of years she will get to where she wants to be."

ANNIKA SEMPFF, GERMANY

"I was looking for a classical singing teacher, and did not expect that it would have been so difficult. As we do have lots of professional singing teachers in Germany, many very good ones, I was very disappointed while looking for one in Mumbai. After over one year I attended my first voice workshop with Deirdre Lobo in 2009. I was very surprised how professional Deirdre worked. It was a great experience for me. I decided to work with Deirdre via Skype. I had my doubts at first, but I was surprised as to how great we have been able to work and how fast I have improved my singing ability. I am very happy with the way of teaching, the passion Deirdre shows and her ability to explain and demonstrate easily anything so I can implement the "request" immediately.

Even though I have since moved back to Germany, I have continued to work with Deirdre via Skype. I hope bringing Deirdre back to India more often will enable her to share her work with other students who I think can really benefit from her not just as a teacher but as a person, as what she does is not just teach well, but build the confidence of students. She is truly amazing!”

BEVERLY ABAD, USA

"Music is something I love. I appreciate how much Deirdre believes in me, especially when I couldn't believe in myself. I thank her for pushing me to hit those high notes, when I thought I couldn't!"

STEVE DANIELS, INDIA

I am from Mumbai, A Singer who always wanted to understand and learn the correct technique of Singing and breathing. Singing the right way is very important to avoid having to run into surgeries due to wrong singing technique and I finally found Deidre who has helped me tremendously and with each passing day I see such an improvement and more confidence in my singing. Deidre is an excellent music teacher. Very precise and particular in her teaching technique, very patient and will not let you go forward unless you master it. She ensures you sing the right way, and takes a lot of trouble to make sure you understand it. Her workshops are also very good as you get to work with her personally. She is highly qualified and I will feel proud to master her vocal training technique completely. I have done lessons personally and currently doing Skype lessons with Deidre. I would definitely recommend vocal training online lessons from Deidre. I have been to other teachers and it has never worked. I am really thankful that I found Deidre as my Vocal Teacher.