

Janel Mercado

Janel Mercado, lyric soprano, graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance in 2014 and from the University of Minnesota in Duluth with a Master of Music in Vocal Performance in 2017. An Alvin High School alumnus, Mercado has also traveled to Graz, Austria and the region of Marche in Italy to study opera, art song, foreign languages, diction, and performance. While completing her degrees, she performed the title roles in *Iolanthe*, *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, and *Suor Angelica*. Mercado has received 2nd place in the Minnesota NATS Competition in the Advanced Women's Division (2015 and 2016), Semi-finalist at the National NATS Competition (2015), and 2nd place in the Houston Region NATS Competition in the Advanced Independent Studio Division (2017). After completing her degrees, Mercado performed her professional debut with the Lyric Opera of the North as The Page in *Rigoletto*. Janel has taught private voice lessons to students of all ages and various levels for over 5 years and is thrilled to be a part of the music faculty at Alvin Community College.