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J Amelita Facchiano - *Singer / Dancer / Actress* – considers her passion for fine arts and her talents as gifts from her parents.

Her Mother was a classical ballerina and Doctor of Optometry. Her Father - a natural baritone, actor and Doctor of Optometry, read the great opera stories to her mother during her pregnancy with Amelita that prepared the stage for her life and love.

Amelita's first award came in eighth grade for her role as the *Singing Nun*. At 15, she won the only female role in *the Fantastics* which enjoyed a nine-month run at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago and landed her an opportunity to attend summer school at the *University of North Carolina School of the Arts* (UNCSA) where she remained through high school and college. Amelita was invited to participate in the *Miss America Pageant* while attending UNCSA. She represented the state of North Carolina, was a semifinalist which earned some of her college funds.

After touring with Agnes de Mille's *Heritage Theatre*, she danced for *Dallas Ballet* and sang, danced and played character roles in the *Dallas Summer Musicals* for a decade until an anterior cruciate ligament tear forced her to redefine outlets for creative expression.

1980- 1988, Amelita sang with the *Dallas Opera Chorus* (TDO) and today, still sings with the *Dallas Symphony Orchestra Chorus* (DSC).

Amelita served as *Dallas Symphony Chorus* President from 1999 – 2001 and on its executive committee for 15 years contributing additional time and talent for development, marketing and communications.

As a member of the DSC, she has also performed at *Carnegie Hall* seven times, *Opera Orchestra of New York*, *Vail Colorado Music Festival*, toured the European Union and South America since 1985 and performed *Mahler's Symphony #8* in Jerusalem as part of that city's 3000th-year celebration at the invitation of Zubin Mehta and the *Israel Philharmonic*.

In addition to the DSC, Amelita is a Soprano soloist / section leader at Central Christian Church, Dallas Texas and has soloed in numerous churches for more than 25 years.

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