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Mia holds degrees from Manhattanville College (B.A., economics), and from Columbia (M.S., library science). She is a native New Yorker, and has sung in choirs almost her entire life. Since 1995, she has served on the Board of GraceMusic, a classical music series in Nyack, NY. She and her husband, Dick Kuczkowski (Columbia PhD) love living near to NYC and spend most of their free time together in the city's theatres, museums, and concert halls.