



**Eric Andries – Tour Music Director/Pianist  
Sid the Serpent who wanted to Sing & Opera Outtakes**

### **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

**When's your birthday?** March 27

**Were you named after someone?** My first name was my grandfathers

**Where were you born?** Greeley, Colorado

**Where do you live now?** Baton Rouge, LA

**How many siblings do you have?** One brother

**Do you have any pets?** Had a Dog named Ernie

**Name some of the neatest/weirdest/farthest places you've ever been?** Alaska, France, Austria

**What is the weirdest job you've ever had (other than being an opera singer)?**

**What do you for fun other than singing?** Watch College Football, read, compose music

**What's your favorite...**

**Food:** Crawfish Etouffee **Least Favorite:** Beets

**TV Show:** Everyone loves Raymond

**Color:** Black

**Singer (on the radio):** Alice in Chains

**Song (on the radio):** Home

**Holiday:** Christmas, it's the celebration of the Christ Child

**Sports team:** LSU Tigers

**Class in school:** Calculus

**Book:** The Promise

### **MUSICAL QUESTIONS**

**What did you always want to be when you grew up?** A musician on stage

**How did you start loving opera? Did you ever see one as a kid?** Never really saw operas growing up, but started playing opera in my 20's, enjoying the music.

**Do you play any other instruments? When did you start playing?** I played cello in middle and high school, and have played some guitar throughout the years.

**How old were you when you first knew you wanted to go into music?** 5, after listening to the Beatles.

**Where did you go to school to learn about music?** LSU

**How old were you when you performed your first solo piano piece, and what was it?** I believe I was around 10, and it was Fur Elise by Beethoven.

**What was the first opera you played?** *La Traviata*

**What is your favorite opera?** *Cold Sassy Tree*

**Have you ever met any famous musicians (operatic or popular)?** Tony Bennett

### **TIMELINE OF YOUR LIFE (By year, if you don't mind):**

**Fell in love with music** 1981

**Significant performances or musical moments** 1997 & 1998, performing at the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans

### **Other fun/interesting/important things kids might want to know:**

I love Cajun food and cooking it for people who never tried it.