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OU alumna debuts in the Big Apple

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"It was a little nerve wracking, and it was very exciting, too," said Wagner, who is residing on the upper west side of New York. Her parents, grandparents and friends flew to New York for the day to see her premier.

She performed "Si, mi chiamano Mimi" by Puccini, the "Jewel Song" by Gounod, "The Song to the Moon" by Dvorak and "Vilja's Lied" by Lehar.

Wagner's career is on its way. In September 2005, after she graduates with her master's degree, she's traveling to Germany to film "Cosi fan tutte" by Mozart. She is starring as the lead soprano in the feature film, which is being produced in Switzerland. The movie will be released worldwide.

Wagner graduated from OU with a degree in vocal performance.

"Edith Diggory is an incredible teacher, one of the best I've ever seen," Wagner said. "She prepared me in every way I needed, dramatically and vocally, with the skills I needed. I want to be an opera singer and take it as far as I can and perform as often as I can."

With her New York debut out of the way, "Now it can just get better."

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