

We asked J.J....

Do you ever get nervous when you sing?

Never! The only thing I get nervous about is memorizing the lyrics because that is hard for me. Singing is a joy and a delight. Being on stage is one of the only times I completely feel like myself.

Where are some of the places you have sung?

I have sung all over the United States, from San Diego to New York, Florida to Maryland! I was a soloist for the national production of Handel's *Messiah* in Guatemala for 10 years.

How much do you practice for a performance?

I like to work on my music for at least a month before performing it. I also study the lyrics so I really understand what the song means. By the time I sing in front of an audience, I want to be able to lose myself in the performance without worrying about if I can hit the high note or if I'm going to forget a word.

