ABBREVIATIONS

2 Terms and abbreviations

2.1 Entire listing

Below, all abbreviations used here are listed in alphabetical order:

b breathy phonationc creaky phonation

CS contemporary singing style (generic term, including the substyles

contemporary musical theatre, pop, rock, and jazz)

D standard recording with depreciation (e.g., noise in sound)

EC European classical singing style

f₀ fundamental frequency
 F₁, F₁, ... formant frequencies
 hgh high vocal effort
 low vocal effort

m male

med medium vocal effort
ms musical scale
N non-style
ns not specified
rp reference pitch
S standard recording

sh shouted

ST straight theatre speaking style

sVsV vowel sound produced in s-Vowel-s-Vowel context //Text// text read or text sung (indication for speech identity)

tr text read ts text sung v voiced

V vowel sound produced in isolation

var varied vocal effort

w female w whispered

2.2 Speakers and styles

The database presented includes recordings of four speaker subgroups: untrained and nonprofessional speakers (N), professional straight theatre actresses and actors (ST), singers of contemporary singing style (CS, substyles were contemporary musical theatre, pop, and jazz), and singers of European classical singing (EC):

N non-style

ST straight theatre style

CS contemporary singing style EC European classical singing style

Note: Speakers and singers are all termed speaker(s) as a generic term.

2.3 Production parameters and sound status

The database presents recordings of utterances produced with varying basic production parameters such as phonation type, vocal effort, fundamental frequency, vowel context and speaking or singing style. The corresponding abbreviations are given anew in the used parameter-specific order:

Abbreviations for phonation types:

v voiced
b breathy
c creaky
w whispered

Abbreviations for vocal effort:

med medium low low hgh high

var varying vocal effort

Abbreviations for production modes:

tr text read ts text sung

rp f_0 according to reference pitches given ms f_0 according to musical scale (C-Major)

sh shouted

n.s not specified (no specific production mode)

Abbreviations for styles, see Chapter 2.2.

Abbreviations for vowel context:

V in isolation

sVsV in s-V-s-V context

Abbreviations for sound status:

S standard recording

D standard recording with depreciation (see individual comments

for the corresponding sounds)