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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Master of Music, Sacred Music/Vocal Performance 1999-2001
Baylor University, Waco, TX

- Graduate Assistant, Music Theory
- Tutor in Music Research/Technology

Bachelor of Music, Instrumental and Vocal Music Education 1994-1999
West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX

Teaching

Voice Studio 1999-Current

- Visiting Professor of Voice – West Texas A&M University (Fall 2001)
- Officially recognized Vocal Recovery Teacher for Bastian Voice Institute
- Musical Theater, Folk, Opera
- Private Studio - 1999 – current

French Horn Studio 1995-Current

- Horn Teacher – Amarillo ISD (1995-1998)
- Private Studio – 1995 – current

Community United Methodist Church - Director of Music 2005-Current
Work with various choirs and instrumental ensembles preparing for worship services.

Windy City Performing Arts - Artistic Director 2009 – 2012
Work with two auditioned community choirs, teaching proper vocal production and beautiful choral singing. Membership has increased dramatically, as has the quality of performance.

Bowie Middle School, Band Director – Amarillo, TX 1998-1999

- Taught beginning band to 6th graders in three individual classes, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
- Assisted HS Band Director at Caprock High School
- Tutored groups of students in sectionals
- Tutored individuals on their instruments

Performance

Tenor Solo

- Heinrich Schutz *Musikalische Exequien* – First Presbyterian Church, Deerfield, IL
- Ralph Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music* – Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Ron Nelson *The Savior: A Modern Oratorio* – FBC Amarillo
- George Fredrick Handel *The Messiah* – CUMC Naperville, IL and First United Church, Oak Park, IL

Recital

- Fourth Prebyterian Church – Chicago December 2013
- West Texas A&M University 2009
- *Biblical Songs* of Dvorak and *Vier Ernste Gesange* by Brahms, CUMC, Naperville, IL
- Dessert with the Divas – Berger Mansion, Chicago, IL
- Art Songs - Sherwood Conservatory of Music, Chicago, IL

Guest Artist Series

- Hope Lutheran Church, Park Forest, IL
- Community United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL
- First Baptist Church Amarillo, TX
- Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, TX
- Second Baptist Church, Amarillo, TX
- First Baptist Church, Borger, TX

Cabaret

- *Feels Like Home*, Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret, Chicago, IL
- *Christmastime*, Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret, Chicago, IL
- *Cabaret* – Performed with Chicago School of Professional Singing, Davenport's
- *A Steamy Cup of Cabaret*, Davenport's
- *Songs Strong Enough for a Woman, but Sung by a Man*, Davenport's

Choir/Ensemble

- Heinrich Schutz *Psalm 100: Jauchzet dem Herren, alle Welt*, SWV 36 - Small Ensemble with Kent Negano conducting.
- **Chicago Symphony Chorus**, Professional Member
- **Grant Park Symphony Chorus**, Professional Member

Theater Experience

- Adjudicator – *Teen Talent Competition* – Copley Theatre, Aurora, IL August 2012
- *Video Games Live* – 16-Voice Ensemble – Chicago Theater
- *A Company of Critters* – Chicago Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert Series, Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL – Ensemble
- *Bittersweet* – Light Opera Works – Evanston, IL – Ensemble - Understudy
- *The Christmas Post* – Mart Community Players, Mart, TX – Elliot Herzog
- *South Pacific* – WTAMU Theater, Canyon, TX – Joseph Cable
- *Oklahoma* – Altus Community Theater, Altus, OK - Curly

Recordings

- Verdi *Requiem* – Ricardo Muti Conducting Chicago Symphony and Chorus
 - **Grammy – Best Classical Album**
 - **Grammy – Best Choral Performance**
- Mahler *Symphony #2* – Bernard Haitink Conducting Chicago Symphony and Chorus
- Ravel *Daphnis et Chloé* – Bernard Haitink Conducting Chicago Symphony and Chorus

TV Appearance/Voice Over

- WTTW – featuring Elgar's *Feasting, I Watch*
- FBC Amarillo – Welcome to the Family Campaign(voice over)
- Amarillo Symphony – Jingle for Local NBC News Station

Choral Concerts

- Joy: Music to Lift the Spirit – Premier Concert – Allegrezza August 2013
- Gala Music Festival – Denver – Windy City Gay Chorus and Aria July 2012
- Fourth Presbyterian Church – Summer Concert Series – WCGC July 2011
- Wedding with Larry King Orchestra – Ritz Carlton Hotel – WCGC July 2011
- Harold Washington Library Pride Concert Series – Aria June 2011
- Road Trip – Windy City Performing Arts June 2011
- Bon Voyage – Windy City Performing Arts March 2011
- Holiday Express – Windy City Performing Arts December 2010
- Summer Lovin’ – Windy City Performing Arts June 2010
- It Might As Well Be Spring – Windy City Performing Arts March 2010
- Rutter Gloria and Other Anthems of Faith – Community UMC 2007
- Sing Along Messiah - Community UMC 2005

Conducting/Clinician/Master Class

Founder and Artistic Director – Allegrezza – an SATB Chorus 6/2013 - **Current**

- Developed and implemented artistic vision for Allegrezza
- Assembled a functioning board of directors
- Applied for and received 501(c)3 status
- Partnered with other not-for-profits and donated 20% of ticket revenue to their causes

Director of Music and Worship - Union Church of Hinsdale 4/2014 - **Current**

- Conduct Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir, Middle School Choir, High School Choir, Allegro Bells, Allegretto Bells
- Oversee Music Staff: Organist, Director of Contemporary Worship, Five Paid Soloists, and contemporary praise band, sound tech, worship team, music ministry team
- Organize, rehearse and implement band to lead Vacation Bible School
- Payroll for music staff
- Plan and implement all worship services
- Hire guest musicians for various concerts and worship services
- Plan Special Services for Christmas, Easter, Kick-off and Year-End concerts
- Organize and maintain music library of over 1,000 anthems, cantatas, oratorios, etc.

Choir Director – Congregation B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim 7/2015 – **Current**

- Conduct and prepare choir for worship services
- Meet regularly with clergy to discuss worship
- Work with Cantors, Pianist, and other musicians to ensure high standards of excellence in execution of worship services
- Arrange and transcribe music as is necessary

Director of Music – Community United Methodist Church 2005 – 4/2014

- Sanctuary Choir – Increased membership from 14 to 40 members
- Women of Note, Oversee Hand Bell Choir, Liturgical Dance, Contemporary Praise Band, Youth Band and Chorus, Children’s Music, Orchestras and Instrumental Ensembles
- Oversee Music Program Budget and Finances & maintain and build music library

Artistic Director – Windy City Performing Arts 2009 – 2012

- Windy City Gay Chorus – increased membership from 33 to 80 members
- Aria – Windy City Women’s Chorus – increased membership from 14 to 34 members

Associate Director – With One Voice Community Chorus	2009 – 2012
West Texas A&M University – Master Class – Audition Preparation	4/2009
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Park Ridge, IL – Choir/Voice Seminar	Fall 2008
North Central College, Naperville, IL - Choir Clinic	2008
Broadway UMC, Chicago, IL – Breath Support/Vocal Production	2006
Lakeside Pride Ensemble – Guest Clinician - 2005	
West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX– Master Class – Healthy Singing	2002
Various High Schools in Texas	1995-2001

Publications

Commissioned to write series of articles targeted to gay singers – The Singers Body

- “What’s Wrong With Your Face” <http://galachoruses.org/blog/voice-tips-101-whats-wrong-with-your-face/> September 2013

Training

Voice Teachers

- JoeElla Cansler
- Jack Coldiron
- Mary Jane Johnson
- Jo Rodenberg
- Connie Haas (current)

Master Class

- Horst Gunter
- Dalton Baldwin
- Nathan Gunn
- Samuel Ramey

Theater

- Jeannette Clift George
- Deborah Craig-Claar
- Royal Brantley

Vocal Coaching

- Dan Stetzel
- Dana Brown
- Valerie Maze

Conductors

Kent Negano, Daniel Barenboim, Bernard Haitink, Charles Dutois, James Conlin, Carlos Kalmar, Elmer Eisler, **Michael Tilson Thomas**, Duane Wolf, Christopher Bell, **Ricardo Muti**