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EDUCATION

The New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Master of Music, Vocal Performance (Dec. 2007)

University of Houston, Houston, Tx.

Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance (Aug. 2005)

McLennan Community College, Waco, Tx. (May 2002)

Leadership

Ranger College, Ranger, Tx.

Created the first ever choral music program at the college.

Designed a music curriculum for music appreciation and American Music courses.

Serve as academic advisor for all music students at Ranger College and students in other departments.

Manage the music department budget in regards to performances, events and supplies for the department.

Faculty Sponsor/Advisor for Student Government

Qualter's Middle School, Mansfield, Ma.

- Designed a music curriculum catering to the general education population for grades 6-8.
- Created developmentally appropriate lessons based on the state frameworks for students with specific behavior issues, students with significant learning disabilities, and cognitively challenged students.
- Re-invigorated the after-school choral program.

Sacred Heart School, Quincy, Ma.

- Implemented an in-school choir for each grade (k-8)
- Developed the general music curriculum for grades k-8

Member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing

Member of Massachusetts Teachers Association

Certification

Massachusetts License, Music: Vocal/Instrumental/General, All Levels

Highly Qualified Teacher Certificate

Service

Ranger College:

Learning Resources Committee
Intercollegiate Athletic Oversight Committee
Academic Advisor to music majors and non majors
Advisor for Student Newspaper

EXPERIENCE

Ranger College, Ranger Texas

Head Department of Fine Arts/Director of Music & Choral Activities-August 2010 to present

Teach and direct the Ranger College Choir M-Th

Teach Music Appreciation 1306 M,W and T,Th classes

Teach American Music 1310 M,W and T,Th classes

Teach Applied Voice lessons to students majoring in voice

Serve as academic advisor for all music students at Ranger College and students in other departments.
Develop relationships with local and area choir directors for event planning and recruiting.

Recruit vocal students for the choir

Manage the music department budget in regards to performances, events and supplies for the department.

Distribute scholarships to talented singers

Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge Mass.

General Music/Choir Teacher -Starts September 2009/2010 school year

Teach beginning voice class and also a grades 6-8 choir vocal technique, choral arrangements and solo works for voice.

Teach grades 1-8 music theory, music appreciation, and vocal technique.

Qualters Middle School, Mansfield, Mass

General Music/Choir Teacher - September 2008- present

Teach grades 6-8 music theory, music appreciation, basic piano and vocal technique.

Teach choir composed of grades 6-8 vocal technique, music theory and choral arrangements.

Sacred Heart School, North Quincy, Mass.

Choir Teacher, January – April 2007

Teach grades 1-8 music theory, music appreciation, and vocal technique.

Teach choral arrangements and solo works for voice.

Cleburne High School, Cleburne, Tx.

Staff voice teacher, Aug. 2005– Jan. 2006

Give voice lessons and teach students vocal technique.
Lead group sectionals to teach choral arrangements
Teach All-State Choir selections to students for auditions.
Act as a chaperone to choral outings and field trips.

Alvarado High School, Alvarado, Tx.

Staff voice teacher, Aug. 2005- Jan. 2006

Give voice lessons and teach students vocal technique.
Teach All-State Choir selections to students for auditions.
Act as a chaperone to choral outings and field trips.

Region 7 Middle school All-Region Choir Auditions

Granbury Middle School, Granbury, Tx

Judge, October 29, 2005

Judge students and select finalist for admission into the Region 7 All-Region Choir.

Performing Experience:

June 23, 2009- Bass Soloist in Haydn's Mass in Time of War with the Masterworks Chorale conducted by John Ehrlich

Dec. 2, 2007- Bass Soloist in the oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus" with the Masters Singers of Worcester. Conducted by Malcolm Halliday

Aug 12, 2007- Recital with Pianist John Elam & tenor Brandon Treadway at the First Baptist Church of Cleburne, Texas

April 23, 2007- "Qui Tollis" from Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass at New England Conservatory, Amy Lieberman Conductor

March 8, 2007- Soloist in Bach's Cantata 78 "Jesu, der du meine Seele" at New England Conservatory, Brian Rice Conductor

Oct 29, 2006- St. Peter's Episcopal Church Weston, MA
Mendelssohn's "Lord God of Abraham" from the Oratorio Elijah

April 8, 2006- Soloist in Bach Cantata 182 "Himmelskonig, sei willkommen", conducted by Peter Lea-Cox of the Lecosaldi Ensemble of London (Performed at Christ Lutheran Church, Falmouth Ma)

Nov 13, 2005- St Mark's United Methodist Church, Cleburne, Tx
"Let Us Break Bread Together" and "Give me Jesus"

Oct 29, 2005- Judged Region 7 Middle school All-Region Auditions at Granbury Middle School

Sept 25, 2005- First Baptist Church, Cleburne, Tx. Original composition "May he Bide with you"

Jul 3, 2005- Field Street Baptist Church in Cleburne, Tx
original composition "May He Bide With You"

Jan 29, 2005- University of Houston, Houston, Tx
Dudley Recital Hall, Senior Recital

Jan 2, 2005- Soloist at the First Methodist Church of Waco singing the premiere of my original
composition "May He Bide With You".

Dec 19, 2004- Soloist at Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco singing Mendelssohn's "Lord God
of Abraham" from the Oratorio Elijah.

Nov 4, 2004- Soloist at University of Houston's Top 100 Songs & Arias Recital singing Richard Strauss'
"Zueignung"

Nov. 12, 2003- Junior recital in Dudley Recital hall at the University of Houston

Dec. 14, 2003- Soloist in Biebl's "Ave Maria" at St Mark's Episcopal Church, Houston Tx.

Dec. 29, 2002- Guest soloist at First United Methodist Church of Waco, Tx singing "Psalm 23" by Paul
Creston

Dec 8,9, 2006- Played the role of Guccio Dyer in Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" with the New & 10,
England Conservatory Opera Theatre at Cutler Majestic Theatre

Nov 19, 2006- Played Apollo in Cavalli's "L'egisto" with the New England Conservatory
Opera Workshop in Brown Hall

Spring 2004- University of Houston Concert Chorale baritone section leader under the direction of Dr.
Betsy Cook Weber

Fall 2003- University of Houston Concert Chorale baritone section leader under the direction of Dr. Betsy Cook Weber

Fall 2003- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Houston Tx, baritone section leader under the direction of Lee Wells

Fall 2002- Chorus member in the University of Houston's production of "The Tales of Hoffman" under the direction of Buck Ross and Peter Jacoby.

Awards /Honors:

National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Competition
Semi-finalist (2002)

Texas Music Teachers Association's Composition Contest
3rd place (2001/2002)

Vocal Skills:

Vocal Performance (Opera, Classical, Contemporary, Gospel)
Foreign Language Diction (German, French, Italian)
Vocal Pedagogy

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Internet research.