



## **DAREN SMALL · BASS-BARITONE**

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### **EDUCATION**

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- **University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), Cincinnati, OH**  
Doctor of Musical Arts - Vocal Performance  
December 2020
- **Montana State University, Bozeman, MT**  
Master of Education - Curriculum and Instruction - Music Emphasis  
August 2014  
Bachelor of Music Education  
December 2008

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **University**

- Adjunct Professor of Voice - Northern Kentucky University - 2019-2020
  - Provide individualized, private voice instruction for undergraduate music majors
  - Advise students in preparation for proficiency juries, recitals, and competitions
  - Work with students from other studios in weekly masterclass settings
- Voice Graduate Assistant - University of Cincinnati, CCM - 2018-2020
  - Provide individualized, private voice instruction for Freshman Music Theatre Majors, DMA Choral Conducting Majors, and Elective Voice students

#### **Public School**

- Director of Choirs - Billings Senior High School - Billings, MT - 2011-2018
  - Conduct 5 curricular choirs (daily) and 2 extra-curricular choirs (weekly) of approximately 250 total students (grades 9-12)
  - Develop and implement instruction in order to meet individual needs of students and to satisfy the requirements of the established curriculum
  - Plan calendar of activities and performances for all choir related events
  - Manage all budget items pertaining to the choir department and plan/organize/execute all fundraising efforts
  - Organize bi-annual performance tours (2 domestic and 1 international)
- General Music Teacher - Billings Public Schools - Billings, MT - 2009-2011
  - Develop and provide high quality and engaging instruction to K-3 students (weekly) and 4-6 students (bi-weekly) in order to meet individual needs of students and to satisfy the requirements of the established curriculum
  - Cultivate relationships with administration, staff, and students at 2 different elementary schools (approximately 850 students in total)
  - Plan and organize student performances throughout the year

## Other Teaching

- Private Studio - 2008-Present
  - Work with students of varying abilities and ages (from ages 14+)
  - Assist and guide students' exploration and discovery of the capabilities of their instrument
  - Develop an individualized and rigorous course of study for each student in order to reach attainable goals
  - Recommend high quality repertoire that will assist the student in the exploration of foundational concepts and techniques
- Chorus Master - Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT - 2010-2012
  - Assist with the audition process and casting
  - Prepare opera chorus for each production
  - Compile practice tracks for members to practice outside of rehearsal
- High Plains Chamber Singers - Billings, MT - 2008-2017
  - Conduct rehearsals in the director's absence
  - Assist with the selection of concert repertoire

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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### Solo Performances

- \*Antonín Dvořák *Te Deum* (Bass Soloist) - Bozeman Symphony - May 2020
- \*Claudio Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610* (Bass Soloist) - CCM - April 2020
- W. A. Mozart *Requiem* (Bass Soloist) - Billings Symphony, Billings, MT - February 2020
- DMA Lecture Recital - CCM - February 2020
  - *Handel's Virtuoso Bass Vocalist of 1708*
- J. S. Bach *Mass in B Minor* (Bass Soloist) - Indianapolis Symphonic Choir - October 2019
- DMA Recital - CCM - September 2019
  - Franz Schubert's complete setting of *Die Winterreise*
- Fauré *Requiem* (Bass Soloist) - Bozeman Symphony, Bozeman, MT - May 2019
- DMA Recital - CCM - February 2019
  - Handel, Loewe, Schubert, Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Igor Stravinsky *Les Noces* (Bass Soloist) - CCM - February 2019
- J. S. Bach *St. John Passion* (Jesus) - CCM - October 2018
- NW Region MONC Finals (3rd Place) - Seattle, WA - 2016
- District MONC Auditions (1st Place) - Pocatello, ID - 2015
- Handel's *Messiah* Festival - Billings, MT - 2018, 2017, 2014, 2011
- Handel's *Messiah* Festival - Bozeman, MT - 2014-2016, 2008-2012

### Opera Roles

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| • Samuel Sacks/Ens | <i>Awakenings</i>      | Cincinnati Opera Fusion      | 2019 |
| • Sarastro         | <i>Die Zauberflöte</i> | NOVA - Billings, MT          | 2017 |
| • Ping             | <i>Turandot</i>        | NOVA - Billings, MT          | 2016 |
| • Il Re            | <i>Aida</i>            | Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT | 2013 |

## Opera Roles (continued)

• Reverend Hale	<i>The Crucible</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2012
• Sparafucile	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2011
• Cesare Angelotti	<i>Tosca</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2011
• Benoit/Alcindoro	<i>La Bohème</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2010
• Fiorello	<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2009
• Buff	<i>The Impresario</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2009
• Simone	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Rimrock Opera - Billings, MT	2009

## Music Theatre Roles

• Younger Brother	<i>Ragtime</i>	Venture Theatre, Billings, MT	2012
• John	<i>Miss Saigon</i>	Venture Theatre, Billings, MT	2011

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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- American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA) - Life Member
- National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
- National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)
- VoiceCare Network

## LANGUAGES

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- English
- Italian (Conversational)

## INFLUENTIAL TEACHERS

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- Professor Tom Baresel (CCM)
- Dr. Eileen Stempel (UCLA)
- Dr. Samuel Ng (CCM)
- Professor Donna Loewy (CCM)
- Dr. Axel Theimer (VoiceCare Network)
- Dennis Rupp (Professional Singer and Voice Teacher)
- Dr. Jon Harney (Montana State University)
- Professor Lowell Hickman (Montana State University)
- Dr. Steven Hart (Rocky Mountain College)

## OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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### Computer Skills

- Finale, Google Tools for Education, Web 2.0, Mac OS, Microsoft Office Tools, PowerSchool, Website Building, Windows, Blackboard, Canvas

### Guest Lecturer/Recitalist

- Montana State University - Spring 2019
- Rocky Mountain College - Spring 2019

### General

- Eagle Scout (2002), Woodworking and Amateur Craftsman, Bagpipes, Amateur Audio and Sound Technician, Arranging Choral Music, Curling (Sport), Hiking, Camping, Downhill Skiing