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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

- Assistant Professor of Voice - Montana State University Billings - 2021-Present
  - Provide individualized, private voice instruction for music majors
  - Conduct university choirs in rehearsals and performances
  - Advise students in preparation for juries, recitals, and competitions
  - Instruct and advise music education majors in curricular vocal music courses
  - Oversee the placement and observation of music student teachers
  - Prepare accreditation reports as the university representative to NASM
  - Other courses taught include: Vocal Pedagogy, Advanced Vocal Pedagogy, Choral Conducting, Commercial Voice, Diction, Aural Perception, Internship
- 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

- Remote Music Teacher - Billings Public Schools - Billings, MT - Spring 2020
  - Conduct 9 daily zoom classes instructing students in grades 6-8 in areas of band, orchestra, and choir
  - Develop and implement instruction in order to meet individual needs of students and to satisfy the requirements of the established curriculum
  - Provide remedial remote instruction to identified students one day a week
  - Collaborate with area “in-person” music teachers in an effort to match instruction and pace with “in-person” classes
- Director of Chorus - 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 Voice 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
- High Plains Chamber Singers - Billings, MT - 2008-2017 & 2022-Present
  - Conduct rehearsals in the director’s absence
  - Assist with the selection of concert repertoire

# PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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## Solo Performances

- Vocal Soloist - Rocky Mountain Jazz Collective - Billings, MT - May 2023
  - *Sinatra at the Sands*
- Bass Soloist - Handel *Messiah* - Glacier Symphony - Kalispell, MT -  
December 2021, 2022, 2023
- Bass Soloist - Handel *Messiah* - Billings Symphony - Billings, MT - December 2022
- Bass Soloist - Beethoven *Symphony No. 9* - Billings Symphony, MT - April 2022
- Bass Soloist - Dvořák *Te Deum* - Bozeman Symphony, MT - May 2020
- Bass Soloist - Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610* - CCM - April 2020
- Bass Soloist - W. A. Mozart *Requiem* - Billings Symphony, MT - February 2020
- DMA Lecture Recital - CCM - February 2020
  - *Handel's Virtuoso Bass Vocalist of 1708*
- Bass Soloist - J. S. Bach *Mass in B Minor* - Indianapolis Symph. Choir - Oct 2019
- DMA Recital - CCM - September 2019
  - Franz Schubert's complete setting of *Die Winterreise*
- Bass Soloist - Fauré *Requiem* - Bozeman Symphony, MT - May 2019
- DMA Recital - CCM - February 2019
  - Handel, Loewe, Schubert, Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Bass Soloist - Stravinsky *Les Noces* - CCM - February 2019
- Jesus - J. S. Bach *St. John Passion* - CCM - October 2018
- NW Region MONC Finals (3rd Place) - Seattle, WA - 2016
- District MONC Auditions (1st Place) - Pocatello, ID - 2015
- Bass Soloist - Handel *Messiah* Festival - Billings, MT - 2018, 2017, 2014, 2011
- Bass Soloist - Handel *Messiah* Festival - Bozeman, MT - 2014-2016, 2008-2012

## Opera Roles

• Seneca	<i>L'incoronazione di Poppea</i>	Intermountain Opera - Bozeman, MT	2023
• 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
• 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

## Choral Ensembles

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|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| • Montana Choral Artists        | Bozeman, MT    | 2024                   |
| • Roots in the Sky              | Bozeman, MT    | 2023-Present           |
| • Skyline Singers               | Sheridan, WY   | 2023-Present           |
| • High Plains Chamber Singers   | Billings, MT   | 2008-17 & 2022-Present |
| • Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble    | Cincinnati, OH | 2019-2020              |
| • Church of St. Peter in Chains | Cincinnati, OH | 2019                   |

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Guest Lecturer/Recitalist/Guest Conductor

- Billings Public Schools - *Functional Singing in the Classroom* - Fall 2023
- Guest Conductor - Eastern A High School Choir Festival - Glendive, MT - March 2022
- Guest Conductor - AA High School Choir Festival - Billings, MT - November 2021
- Montana State University - Spring 2019
- Rocky Mountain College - Spring 2019

### Adjudicator/Clinician

- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Great Falls, MT - April 2024
- District Large Ensembles Adjudicator - Billings, MT - March 2024
- Eastern State Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Billings, MT - May 2023
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Sheridan, WY - April 2023
- District Large Ensembles Adjudicator - Billings, MT - March 2023
- Eastern State Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Billings, MT - May 2022
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Lovell, WY - April 2022
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Bozeman, MT - April 2022
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Great Falls, MT - April 2022
- District Large Ensembles Adjudicator - Billings, MT - March 2022
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Anaconda, MT - April 2018
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Glasgow, MT - April 2016
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Glendive, MT - April 2016
- District Solo and Ensemble Festival Vocal Adjudicator - Miles City, MT - April 2015

## 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)
  - Montana Chapter President
- 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**

- Dorico, Logic Pro, Finale, Google Tools for Education, Web 2.0, Mac OS, Microsoft Office Tools, PowerSchool, Website Building, Windows, Blackboard, Canvas, D2L

### **General**

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