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Current Employment

University of North Carolina at Asheville 2016—Present
Adjunct Music Faculty, Director of University Chorale

Lead an 80-voice choir performing a broad range of compositions including classical standards and representing a diverse array of cultures and languages.

Givens Estates Choir 2014—Present
Music Director, Conductor, Pianist

Lead a 50-voice community choir comprising residents of the Givens Estates Retirement Community in presenting chapel services and dedicated concerts; act as pianist for morning services.

Reuter Center Singers (UNC Asheville) 1998—Present
Founder, Music Director, Conductor

Direct a community chorus of 60+ seniors through the University of North Carolina at Asheville's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; prepare and present four annual concerts featuring pop, classical, and show tune favorites, as well as performances at civic events throughout the year.

WNC Theatres, Various 1997—Present
Conductor, Music Director

Act as Music Director and Conductor on theatrical productions (60+ to date) at venues across WNC, including Hendersonville Little Theatre, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Haywood Arts Regional Theatre, Parkway Playhouse, Asheville Community Theatre, and more. Responsibilities include casting and rehearsing actors, hiring professional musicians, arranging orchestrations as necessary and conducting performances. See Curriculum Vitae for details.

Past Experience

Music Direction and Conducting: Choral & Orchestral

Asheville Choral Society
Season Conductor, January—June 2019

Blue Ridge Orchestra
Season Conductor, August 2015—May 2016
Guest Conductor, 2013

St Matthias' Asheville Chamber Players
Conductor / Music Director, 2010—2012

Asheville Lyric Opera

Conductor / Music Director / Chorus Master, 2000–2004

University of North Carolina at Asheville Community Chorus

Conductor, 1998–2003

University of North Carolina at Asheville University Singers

Conductor, 1997–2005

Weaverville Community Chorus

Conductor, 1997–2002

Ecclesiastical

Biltmore United Methodist Church

Assistant Pastor, 2019–2020

Director of Worship Arts / Pianist, 2013–2020

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church (PC-USA)

Director of Music / Pianist, 2012–2013

WNC Episcopal Diocese Youth Conference

Main Conference Speaker / Presenter, 2011

St Matthias Episcopal Church

Choir Director / Pianist, 2009–2012

Voices as One

Conductor / Music Director for overseas ecumenical church choir tour, 2004–2005

St Eugene Catholic Church

Director of Liturgy and Music / Pianist, 1992–2007

The Basilica of St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Choir Director / Organist, 1987–1989

Educational

National Collegiate Choral Organization

*Presenter, “Incorporating Vocal Health Pedagogy into Choral Rehearsal: why it matters,”
November 3, 2017*

American Choral Directors Association, West Virginia Chapter

Presenter, “Vocal Health Practices for Life-Long Singing,” WV-ACDA 2017 Winter Conference

University of North Carolina at Asheville

Director of Choral Activities / Adjunct Faculty, 1998–2005

College for Seniors / Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Faculty, 1998–Present

Education

Course of Study for Pastors

Duke University, 2019–2020

Master of Music - Music and Worship: Conducting

Lee University, 2018

Bachelor of Music: Vocal Performance

Western Carolina University, 2015

Coursework in Choral Conducting and Voice

Mars Hill University, 1994–1996

Publications

While I Still Have Breath

Lee University, 2018

Rising Above: How the Implementation of Kantorei Praxis Facilitates Excellence

Lee University, April 2018

Skills

Baritone soloist, pianist, public speaker, SEO expert, skilled negotiator, proud father.

Memberships

National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO); American Choral Directors Association (ACDA); Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts



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Curriculum Vitae: Opera & Theater

2019

IT'S JUST A PILL
(WORLD PREMIERE)

Music Director

Mountain Area Health Education
Center (MAHEC)

WIZARD OF OZ

Substitute Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre

2017

LET IT BE, CHRISTMAS

Music Director

Biltmore United Methodist

2016

LET IT BE, CHRISTMAS

Music Director

Biltmore United Methodist

INTO THE WOODS

Music Director / Conductor

Dunn Center's
Summer Stock Theater

2015

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre

FLAT STANLEY, JR.

Music Director

Ira B. Jones School

2014

URINETOWN

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Music Director / Conductor

Hendersonville Little Theatre

PETER PAN, JR.

Music Director

Ira B. Jones School

2013

AVENUE Q

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

THE BEST LITTLE WHORE-
HOUSE IN TEXAS

Music Director / Conductor

Hendersonville Little Theatre

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

Music Director

Hendersonville Little Theatre

ALADDIN, JR.

Music Director

Ira B. Jones School

SPRING AWAKENING

Assistant Music Director /
Keyboardist

Theatre at University of North
Carolina Asheville

2012

CHICAGO	Music Director / Conductor	Asheville Community Theatre
SPRING AWAKENING	Music Director / Conductor / Keyboardist	Bioflyer Productions, LLC
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
G.I. HOLIDAY JUKEBOX	Music Director	Hendersonville Little Theatre
THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA	Music Director / Conductor	Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre
TREEMONISHA	Music Director / Conductor	St. Matthias' Asheville Chamber Players
STARTING NOW!	Music Director / Conductor	WCU School of Stage and Screen

2011

FOOTLOOSE	Music Director / Conductor	Bioflyer Productions, LLC
GYPSY	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE	Music Director / Conductor	St. Matthias' Asheville Chamber Players
REEFER MADNESS	Music Director / Conductor / Keyboardist	Theatre at University of North Carolina Asheville
DIVA-LICIOUS	Performer	Asheville Community Theatre

2010

OLIVER	Music Director / Conductor	Asheville Community Theatre
RENT	Music Director / Conductor	Bioflyer Productions, LLC
THE PRODUCERS	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
CHICAGO	Music Director / Conductor	Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
MARRIED ALIVE!	Music Director / Conductor	Parkway Playhouse
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC	Music Director / Conductor	Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre
THE ASHEVILLE COMPOSERS' CONCERT	Music Director / Conductor	St. Matthias' Asheville Chamber Players
VALENTINE'S CABARET	Music Director / Performer	Parkway Playhouse

2009

TOMMY	Music Director / Conductor / Keyboardist	Bioflyer Productions, LLC
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PETER PAN
INTO THE WOODS

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre
Asheville Arts Center

2008

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR!
NUNCRACKERS

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor

Bioflyer Productions, LLC
Asheville Community Theatre

WEST SIDE STORY

Assistant Music Director/
Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

THE SONGS

Music Director/ Performer

Asheville Arts Center

2007

CABARET
AN O. HENRY CHRISTMAS (The
Gift of the Magi)

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
Asheville Arts Center

2006

MY FAIR LADY
THE LAST 5 YEARS

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
StoneLeaf Theater Festival

2005

NUNSENSE
ROCKY HORROR
PICTURE SHOW
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre
Highland Repertory Theatre /
Asheville Arts Center
Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

THE LAST 5 YEARS

Music Director / Conductor

Highland Repertory Theatre /
Asheville Arts Center

TALES OF WONDER

Assistant Music Director /
Performer

The Eugene Players

2004

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT,
NOW CHANGE

Music Director / Conductor

Highland Repertory Theatre

BIG RIVER

Music Director

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

LOVE SONGS FROM THE HART

Music Director / Performer

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

SWEENEY TODD

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

WORKING

Music Director

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

THE FEAST OF LIFE

Music Director / Keyboardist

The Eugene Players

2003

FALSETTOS
JEKYLL AND HYDE
THE KING AND I

Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor
Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre
Haywood Arts Regional Theatre
Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Music Director

Jericho Productions

COSI FAN TUTTE

Assistant Music Director

Asheville Lyric Opera

2002

CYRANO

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

GUYS AND DOLLS

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

PARADE

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

AM AHL AND THE
NIGHT VISITORS

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera

MADAME BUTTERFLY

Chorus Master / Assistant
Conductor / Performer

Asheville Lyric Opera

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera / Southern
Appalachian Repertory Theatre

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera

THE FANTASTICS

Music Director

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

LA TRAVIATA

Assistant Music Director

Asheville Lyric Opera

2001

AM AHL AND THE
NIGHT VISITORS

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera

ANNIE

Assistant Music Director /
Conductor

Asheville Community Theatre

TITANIC

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Assistant Music Director /
Assistant Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

Assistant Music Director

Asheville Lyric Opera

VIENNA TO BROADWAY

Music Director / Performer

Asheville Lyric Opera

2000

AM AHL AND THE
NIGHT VISITORS

Music Director / Conductor

Asheville Lyric Opera

LA BOHEME

Performer

Asheville Lyric Opera

CHILDREN OF EDEN

Music Director / Conductor

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre

PAGLIACCI

Assistant Chorus Master /
Performer

Asheville Lyric Opera

OPERA GALA

Performer

Asheville Lyric Opera

1999

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

Music Director / Conductor

North Buncombe High School



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Curriculum Vitae: Choral Conducting

MAJOR WORKS

A Gershwin Portrait	arr. Mac Huff
A Jubilant Song	John Leavitt
A Little Jazz Mass	Bob Chilcott
Babes in Arms (concert version)	Richard Rogers
Belshazzar's Feast	William Walton
Blest Pair of Sirens	Sir Hubert Hastings Parry
Carmina Burana	Carl Orff
Choral Fantasy	Ludwig van Beethoven
Ein Deutsches Requiem, op. 45	Johannes Brahms
Elijah, op. 70	Feliz Mendelssohn
Frostiana	Randall Thompson
Gloria in D	Antonio Vivaldi
Gospel Mass	Robert Ray
Homeland Suite (original commission)	Kathleen Pierson
Mass of the Children	John Rutter
Messe Basse	Gabriel Fauré
Messiah (selections)	George F. Handel
Miriam's Song of Triumph	Franz Schubert
Missa Festiva	John Leavitt
Pirates of Penzance (concert version)	Arthur Sullivan
Prologue to "Mefistofele"	Arrigo Boito
Psalms 150	Anton Bruckner
Regina Coeli	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Requiem	John Leavitt

Requiem
Requiem Mass in C minor
Son of God Mass
Song of Democracy, op. 44
The Peacemakers
The Testament of Freedom
To Hope! A Celebration
Treemonisha

John Rutter
Luigi Cherubini
James Whitbourn
Howard Hanson
Karl Jenkins
Randall Thompson
Dave Brubeck
Scott Joplin

CHURCH ANTHEMS (2013—2016; complete list available upon request)

A Christmas Blessing
A Christmas Communion
A Joyful Song
A New Year Dawns with Grace and Hope
A Thousand Storms
Ah, Holy Jesus
All Are Welcome
All Things New
Alleluia
Alleluia
And Can It Be?
As a Chalice of Gold
As Morning Breaks
As the Deer
At Christmas Time All Christians Sing
Away in a Manger
Be Still
Be the Hands, the Heart of God
Beautiful In His Time
Beloved
Blessing
Blessings
Call to Lent
Canon of Praise
Celebrate and Sing with Praise!

John Purifoy
Heather Sorenson
Sherri Porterfield
arr. Jon Paige and Brad Nix
Heather Sorenson
Craig Courtney
Marty Haugen
Rory Cooney
Andrew Miller
Mark S. Repasky
Dan Forrest
arr. Austin Lovelace
Michael Joncas
setting John F. Wilson
arr. Patrick M Liebergen
arr. Walter L. Pelz
James E. Moore, Jr
Janet Vogt and Mark Friedman
Dan Forrest
Mark A. Miller
Katie Moran Bart
arr. Heather Sorenson
adapted J. Jerome Williams
arr. Hal Hopson
Don Besig

Christmas Suite	arr. Mark Hayes
Come and Worship	arr. Patti Drennan
Come with Thanksgiving	arr. Lloyd Larson
Come, Magnify the Lord with Me	W. Clifford Petty
Come, Sing Unto the Lord	Henry Purcell
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Mark A. Miller
Communion Prayer	Patricia Mock and Richard A. Nichols
Creating God	David Haas
Creator of the Stars of Night	Michael Larkin
Devotion	transcribed Craig Courtney
Draw the Circle Wide	Mark A. Miller
Easter Day Alleluia	arr. Benjamin Harlin
Easter Song	arr. Don Hart
Even Here	Mark A. Miller
Every Eye is Different	Daniel Kantor
Fairest Lord Jesus	arr. Rolland Sandberg
Feistval of Carols (Cantata)	Joseph Martin
Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive	setting Robert A Hobby
Give Us a Vision	Pepper Choplin
Glory, Hallelujah!	Mark Burrows
Go Out and Tell!	BobFisher and Greg Lee
God Has Chosen Me	Bernadette Farrell
God Has Work for Us to Do	Mark A. Miller
God of the Ages, History's Maker	setting Lloyd Larson
Grace	Carolyn Hamlin
Great Getting' Up Mornin'	arr. Roger Emerson
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!	arr. Dan Forrest
Hallelujah Chorus	George F. Handel
Home (The Arms of God)	Heather Sorenson
Hosanna	arr. Ivan Trusler
How Can I Keep from Singing	Taylor Davis
I Believe	Mark A. Miller
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Michael Larkin
I Send You Out	arr. Paul Tate
If You Believe and I Believe	arr. Hal Hopson

In the Bleak Midwinter	arr. Craig Courtney
In the Shadow of Your Wings	John Leavitt
Is This a Day of New Beginnings?	Carl Johengen
Jesus, Friend of Sinners	arr. Russell Maudlin
Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee	Dan Forrest
Joy Has Dawned	arr. Daniel Semsen
Joy in the Morning	Natalie Sleeth
Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace	Z. Stroope
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	Eric Nelson
Let Us Go Rejoicing	Leon C. Roberts
Listen with Your Heart	Brad Nix
Lord of the Small	Dan Forrest
Lord, Make Us Turn to You	Leon C. Roberts
Love Has Broken Down the Wall	Mark A. Miller
Love the Lord	John Leavitt
Make Me an Instrument of Peace	Mark A. Miller
May the Lord Bless You	Grayson W. Brown
More like You, Lord	Jay Althouse
My Jesus I Love Thee	arr. Dan Forrest
Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful	arr. Harriet Ziegenhals
O God Beyond All Praising	arr. Dan Forrest
O Jesus, I Have Promised	Timothy Shaw
Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song	John Leavitt
One Faith, One Hope, One Lord	Craig Courtney
Praise the Lord, Come Sing	arr. Hal H. Hopson
Psalm 96: Christmas Midnight	Rory Cooney
Recessional Benediction	Donna N. Robertson
Remember	arr. Gary Rhodes
Resting	Thomas Grassi
Resurrection Alleluias	arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctus	arr. David Angerman
Shadow and Substance	arr. David W. Music
Shepherd, Play Your Pipes Tonight	Mark Shepperd
Sing Unto the Lord	Charles Yannerella
Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart	Joan Pinkerston

Still, Still, Still	arr. Joey Hoelscher
Sweet Hour of Prayer	arr. Doug Andrews
The Dwelling Place of God (The Tabernacle of God)	J. Purifoy
The Hands That First Held Mary's Child	Dan Forrest
The Image of God	Craig Courtney
The Impossible Dream	arr. Mac Huff
The King Shall Come	Thomas Keesecker
The Lord Bless You and Keep You	Peter Lutkin
The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference	arr. Mary McDonald
The Rain is Over and Gone	Paul Halley
The Wilderness Awaits You	Rory Cooney
There is No Greater Love	Marty Haugen
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Paul Langford
Think About These Things	Bob Burroughs
This Is My Father's World	Steven Strite
This Is the Day	Leon C Roberts
This Is the Time to Sing	Mary McDonald
This Silent Night	arr. Mark Patterson
Those Who Wait Upon the Lord	Gary Hallquist
Trust and Obey	arr. Lloyd Larson
Upon This Rock	Pepper Choplin
Voice of Christ	Timothy R. Smith
We Are Not Alone	Pepper Choplin
We Give You Thanks	David Haas
We Thank You, Lord	Lloyd Larson
We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other	Allen Pote
Welcome to Our World	arr. Joey Hoelscher
When In Our Music God Is Glorified	setting Harriet Ziegenhals
When Jesus Wept	William Billings
When Speaking Has Ceased	Craig Courtney
Where the Promise Shines	arr. Joel Raney
Where Your Treasure Is	Marty Haugen
With a Voice of Singing	Martin Shaw

SECULAR & ACADEMIC (2013—2016; complete list available upon request)

A Celtic Silent Night	arr. Patrick Tierney
A Cohan Salute! - Medley	arr. Don Besig
A Festival Madrigal	Linda Spevacek
A Gershwin Portrait	arr. Mac Huff
A Jubilant Song	John Leavitt
A Lot of Livin' to Do	arr. Ed Lojeski
Ain't That a Kick in the Head	arr. Ryan O'Connell
All I Have to do is Dream	arr. Don Besig
All of Me	arr. Steve Zegree
All Shall be Amen and Alleluia	James Whitbourn
An Old Fashioned Christmas	arr. Ed Lojeski
Ave Verum Corpus	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Be True to Your School	arr. Deke Sharon
Beatles: Love Songs	arr. Ed Lojeski
Blue Christmas	arr. Mac Huff
Carols, Rejoice!	arr. John Purifoy
Come Fly with Me - Medley	arr. Kirby Shaw
Crazy 'Bout Croonin' - Medley	arr. Andy Beck
Eleanor Rigby	arr. Roger Emerson
Fanfare for a Festival (All Praise to Music)	Ron Nelson
For All We Know (SSA)	arr. Mac Huff
Forever Doo-Wop Medley	arr. Roger Emerson
Freedom is in Your Hand	ed. Anders Nyberg
Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing	Donna N. Robertson
Graduation Day	arr. Ed Lojeski
How Can I Keep from Singing?	arr. Gwyneth Walker
I Believe	arr. Norman Leyden
I Heard the Bells	arr. Kupferschmid
I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas	arr. J. Daniel Smith
Irving Berlin: A Century of Song	arr. Mac Huff
It Was a Very Good Year	arr. Maan
It's a Grand Night for Singing	Richard Rodgers
John Denver: A Legacy of Song	arr. Ed Lojeski

Kokomo	arr. Mark Brymer
Let's Fall in Love: A Tribute to Cole Porter	arr. Jay Althouse
Lollipop	arr. Roger Emerson
Love is All You Need: A Tribute to the Beatles	arr. Roger Emerson
Love Me Tender	arr. Roger Emerson
Love, Laughter & Legends - The Music of the Beatles	arr. Roger Emerson
Luck be a Lady	arr. Ed Lojeski
Madrigal of Joy	Linda Spevacek
Merry Christmas, Darling	arr. Mac Huff
Michelle	arr. Puerling
Mister Sandman	arr. Jill Gallina
Noel Madrigal	Donald Moore
Norwegian Wood (This Bird has Flown)	arr. Paris Rutherford
Oklahoma! Medley	arr. John Leavitt
Rainy Days and Mondays	arr. Steve Zegree
Requiem	arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Silent Night (original commission)	arr. Max Witt
Something's Gotta Give	arr. Jay Althouse
South Pacific Medley	arr. Clay Warnick
Standing on the Corner	arr. Roger Emerson
Superstar	arr. Greg Gilpin
The Birth of the Blues	arr. C. Strommen
The First Nowell	arr. Dan Forrest
The Ground	Ola Gjeilo
The King and I Medley	arr. Anita Kerr
The Peace Carol	arr. Greg Gilpin
The Rhythm of Life	arr. Richard Barnes
The Song of Purple Summer	arr. Mark Brymer
The Sound of Music Medley	arr. Clay Warnick
The Very Best of the Beach Boys	arr. Ed Lojeski
Too Young	arr. Greg Gilpin
Top of the World	arr. Mac Huff
We've Only Just Begun	arr. Rosana Eckert
What Child is This	arr. John Leavitt
When the Saints Go Marching In	arr. John Rutter

White Christmas
Yesterday Once More
You'll Never Walk Alone

arr. Roy Ringwald
arr. Ed Lojeski
Richard Rodgers