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EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy

University of Colorado at Boulder, 2003

Master of Music, Performance

Arizona State University, 1995

Major: Music Theatre

Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance

Wichita State University, 1990

Magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado Mesa University, 2008 - 2012 (Adjunct), 2013-2020 (full-time), 2021 - current Assistant Professor
Director of Vocal Studies.

Other responsibilities as needed have included:

Vocal Area, Recruiting

Director of Opera Scenes

Teacher for Introduction to Higher Education

Vocal lessons (Music Theatre majors, BA-Performance, BA, BME, and music minors)

Vocal Performance Workshop

Vocal Pedagogy

Voice Literature

Vocal Coach for Commercial Ensemble 2021-2022

University Service (listed below)

Music Director for The Theatre Project, 2010-2024

Music Direct and Assistant Stage Direct Community Theatre Musicals.

University of Puget Sound, 2003 - 2008

Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera

Head of voice area

Studio voice instructor

Producer/Director of Opera program

Classroom instruction in the areas of Diction and Pedagogy

National Recruiting, Scholarship Management of \$30,000 in voice scholarships

Coordination of Adjunct voice faculty

Advising and Committee work including: Advancement/Promotion, Faculty Search, Student retention

Metropolitan State College of Denver, 2001 – 2003

Studio voice instructor: BA-Performance, BA, BME, and music minors. Weekly masterclasses.

University of Colorado at Boulder, 2001

Voice instructor, Continuing Education

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Faculty Senate Representative 2022-present Vice President 2024-2025

Faculty Senate Executive Committee 2024-2025

Music recruiting Committee 2022-present

Student Showcase Committee 2021- 2022

Search Tenure-Track Voice Position 2023
 Search Chair for Director of Choral Activities 2022
 Search Chair for Director of Choral Activities 2023
 Student Retention Committee 2021-2022

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Commercial Voice, Studio Voice, Diction, Vocal Pedagogy, Vocal Literature, Opera History, Opera Workshop, Acting for Singers, Stage Movement, Class Voice, Musical Theatre Performance, Musical Theatre Literature, College Academic Skills

PROFESSIONAL STAGE EXPERIENCE

John Abbott	Eclipse (World Premiere)	Grand Junction	2023
The Traveler	<i>One Bike</i> (World Premiere)	Grand Junction	2021
Harry Bright	<i>Mamma Mia</i>	High Desert Opera	2021
Dickon	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	High Desert Opera	2014
Lancelot	<i>Camelot</i>	High Desert Opera	2011
Melchior	<i>Amahl</i>	Western Colorado Chorale	2011
Billy Blythe	<i>Billy Blythe</i>	Workshop Opera premiere	2010
Koko	<i>The Mikado</i>	High Desert Opera	2010
Dr. Carrasco	<i>Man of La Mancha</i>	High Desert Opera	2009
Dr. Daly	<i>The Sorcerer</i>	High Desert Opera	2009
Testo	<i>Il Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda</i>	Lyrique-en-Mer, France	2002
Aeneas	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Lyrique-en-Mer, France	2002
Ben	<i>The Telephone</i>	Central City Opera/The Bug Theatre	2002
Tommy Albright	<i>Brigadoon</i>	CU Opera in the Summer	2002
Koko	<i>The Mikado</i>	CU Opera in the Summer	2001
Leonard Meryll	<i>Yeomen of the Guard</i>	Colorado Symphony/Central City Opera	2000
Billy Crocker	<i>Anything Goes</i>	CU Opera in the Summer	2000
Boatswain	<i>HMS Pinafore</i>	Colorado Symphony/Central City Opera	1999
Nanki-poo	<i>The Mikado</i>	Littleton Arts Center	1998
Jacob/Potiphar	<i>Joseph ... Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1997
Ciccio	<i>The Most Happy Fella</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1997
Dr. Carrasco	<i>Man of La Mancha</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1996
Sam	<i>Crazy for You</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1996
Servant/Quartet	<i>My Fair Lady</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1996
Winkie General	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1996
Dr. Craven	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1995
Cmdr. Harbison	<i>South Pacific</i>	Music Theatre of Wichita	1995
Smudge	<i>Forever Plaid</i>	Cabaret Oldtown	1994-1995
The Phantom	<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	Crown Uptown Dinner Theater	1993
Guiseppe	<i>The Gondoliers</i>	Boulder Gilbert and Sullivan Festival	1989
Archibald Grosvener	<i>Patience</i>	Boulder Gilbert and Sullivan Festival	1989

DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

<i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2024
<i>Shades of Shakespeare (scenes)</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2024
<i>Signor Deluso</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2023
<i>A Tribute to Bernstein/Trouble in Tahiti</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2022
<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2021
<i>Catch the Wind</i> (World Premier)	Mesa Lab	2020
<i>Godspell</i>	Misfit Toys	2014
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Misfit Toys	2013
<i>Oklahoma</i> (music dir)	Mesa State College	2011

<i>Nunsense</i> (music dir)	Grand Junction High School	2011
<i>Opera Scenes</i>	Mesa State College	2011
<i>The Producers</i> (music dir.)	Mesa State College	2010
<i>The Mikado</i>	University of Puget Sound	2007
<i>Games People Play</i> (scenes)	University of Puget Sound	2006
<i>Kiss me Kate</i> (music dir.)	University of Puget Sound	2006
<i>Die Fledermans</i>	University of Puget Sound	2005
<i>Mozart Madness</i> (scenes)	University of Puget Sound	2005
<i>Three's a Crowd</i> (scenes)	University of Puget Sound	2004
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	University of Puget Sound	2004
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	CU Opera in the Summer	2002
<i>The Telephone</i>	Central City Opera Education & Outreach and the Bug Theatre	2002
<i>Opera Magic</i> (opera scenes)	Lyric Artists of the West	2002
<i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i>	Rocky Mountain Center for the Musical Arts	2002
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	CU Opera in the Summer (assistant director)	2001

COMMUNITY THEATRE(MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ROLES PERFORMED)

Sweeney Todd	<i>Sweeney Todd</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Captain von Trapp	Sound of Music	Theatre Project, Grand Junction
Shrek	<i>Shrek the Musical</i>	Theatre Project, Grand Junction
Beast	<i>Beauty & the Beast</i>	Theatre Project, Grand Junction
Reverend Shaw	<i>Footloose</i>	Theatre Project, Grand Junction
John the Baptist	<i>Godspell</i>	Misfit Toys
Audrey II	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Misfit Toys
Jekyll/Hyde	<i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Daddy Warbucks	<i>Annie</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Cat in the Hat	<i>Seussical</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Perchek	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Sweeney Todd	<i>Sweeney Todd</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Emile de Becque	<i>South Pacific</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Rum Tum Tugger	<i>Cats</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Che	<i>Evita</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Mr Applegate	<i>Damn Yankees</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Julian Marsh	<i>42nd Street</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction
Pharaoh	<i>Joseph...Dreamcoat</i>	Theater Project, Grand Junction

RECITAL, AND SOLO PERFORMANCE WITH CHORUS

Celtic Impressions Recital		Colorado Mesa University	2024
Soloist Corks & Chords concert		Colorado Mesa University	2022
Soloist Faculty Gala		Colorado Mesa University	2015-2024
Performance Styles recital		Houston Community College	2019
Faculty Recital	<i>Songs of Travel</i>	Colorado Mesa University	2016
Faure <i>Requiem</i> (soloist)		Western Colorado Chorale	2011
<i>Messiah</i>		Grand Junction Symphony	2010
Voice Faculty Recital		Mesa State College	2008-2016
Faculty Recital	<i>Snakes and Snails and Puppy Dog's Tails</i>	University of Puget Sound	2007
Faculty Recital	<i>ART Songs</i>	University of Puget Sound	2006
Jacobsen Recital Series	<i>Songs of Flavor</i>	University of Puget Sound	2005
Jacobsen Recital Series	Debut recital	University of Puget Sound	2004
<i>Requiem</i> , Faure (soloist)		Northwest Sinfonietta	2003
<i>Carmina Burana</i> (soloist)		Timberline Symphony Orchestra	2002
Faculty Recital	<i>Songs on Heine Texts</i>	Metropolitan State College of Denver	2002

<i>A German Requiem</i> , Brahms (soloist)	University of Colorado at Boulder	2001
<i>Skelton Poems</i> , John Berger (soloist)	St. Martin's Chamber Choir	1998
Solo Recital	Fairmont Opera House, Minnesota	1997

ACADEMIC STAGE EXPERIENCE

Eisenstein	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	University of Colorado at Boulder
Danilo	<i>The Merry Widow</i>	University of Colorado at Boulder
The Director	<i>The Breasts of Therese</i>	University of Colorado at Boulder
Curly	<i>Oklahoma</i>	University of Colorado at Boulder
Daniel Webster	<i>The Devil and Daniel Webster</i>	University of Colorado at Boulder
Stephen	<i>Godspell</i>	Arizona State University
Luis de Torrez	<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	Arizona State University
Chichibio	<i>The Goose from Cairo</i>	Arizona State University
Figaro	<i>The Barber of Seville</i>	Arizona State University
The Prince	<i>Cinderella</i>	Arizona State University
Koko(guest artist)	<i>The Mikado</i>	Wichita State University
Falke	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Wichita State University
Figaro	<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Wichita State University
Papageno	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Wichita State University
Anthony Hope	<i>Sweeny Todd</i>	Wichita State University
Miles Gloriosus	<i>A Funny Thing...Forum</i>	Wichita State University
Ruthven Murgatroyd	<i>Ruddigore</i>	Wichita State University
Bill Bobstay	<i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i>	Wichita State University
Don Andres	<i>La Perichole</i>	Wichita State University
The Father	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Wichita State University
Tony	<i>Help, Help, The Globolinks</i>	Wichita State University

CHORAL PERFORMANCES

King David (Narrator) Honegger	Grand Junction	2020
Professional performance of Haydn's <i>Seven Last Words</i>	Fort Collins	2011
Western Colorado Chorale	Grand Junction	2008-2011
Bass Section Leader, Soloist, Vice President of Board St. Martin's Chamber Choir	Denver	1998-2000

MASTERCLASSES PRESENTED

Performance Technique Masterclass	Houston Community College	2019
Music Theatre Class at Colorado/Wyoming NATS		2018
Music Theatre Class at Colorado/Wyoming NATS		2014
Voice area masterclasses at Colorado Mesa University		2008 - 2023
Weekly voice area masterclasses at University of Puget Sound		2005-2008
High School voice masterclass at Coal Ridge High School		2009
Serious About Singing Workshop (High School workshop by audition)		2004-2007
Denver School of the Arts - Music Theater and Art Song performance		2001-2007

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Poster Presentation "The (Not So) Long and Winding Road: Ideas from our journey to stylistic diversity"
Presented at National Opera association/National Teacher of Singing Winter national conference –
Savannah, GA 2025
Participant in CMU peer review process 2024/2025

NATS Summer workshop (Knoxville, TN)	
Vocal Performance Professional Workshop Boston Conservatory	2023
Shenandoah Conservatory Contemporary Commercial Music Vocal Pedagogy Institute	2019
National Association of Teachers of Singing National Conference	2008
National Association of Teachers of Singing Intern program	2006
International Conference of Voice Teachers - Vancouver, British Columbia	2005
National Association of Teachers of Singing Musical Theatre Workshop - Seattle	2005
The Works of Berton Coffin University of Colorado at Boulder	2004

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 Sydnee Longoria- National finalist in Commercial Music category National Student Auditions (NATS).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE WORK

National Association of Teachers of Music - Commercial advisory committee (Chair) 2024-2025
Colorado/Wyoming National Association of Teachers of Music
National Semi-Finals Adjudicator 2023, 2024
Adjudication Host 2022
Adjudication rules updates 2015
Guest Artist selection 2013
NATS board Puget Sound chapter 2005-2006

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PERFORMANCES**Central City Opera Education and Outreach Ensemble, 1999 – 2003**

School performances of *How the West Was Sung*, *The Great Opera Mix-up*, and *The Development of Music Theatre*

Community performances of *Opera a la Carte* and previews for productions of *Carmen*, *Little Women*, and *Candide*

University of Colorado at Boulder Children's Opera, 1999-2000

School performances of *Little Red Riding Hood*

Wichita State University Children's Opera, 1986-1990

Children's performances of *Hansel and Gretel*, *Help! Help! The Globolinks*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*

AWARDS**Nominee Distinguished Faculty Award Colorado Mesa University 2023**

Finalist, Vera Scammon International Vocal Competition, 2002

Trudi Mielziner Opera Scholarship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2001

Gregory Philip Ranno Memorial Scholarship, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2000

Second place, Cal-Western Regional NATS Competition, 1991

Second place, West Central Regional NATS Competition, 1989

First place, West Central Regional NATS Competition, 1988

Winner, Kansas Music Teachers Association, 1988

VOICE TEACHERS

Vernon Yenne, Darleen Kliever-Britton, Warren Hoffer, Robert Harrison, Patrick Mason

CONDUCTORS

Marin Alsop, Duain Wolfe, Robert Spillman, Richard Boldrey, Christophe Changard, Monte Atkinson

STAGE DIRECTORS

Bill Mooney, Dennis Jackson, John Reed, Richard Cowan, Guy Stromen, William Gustafson, Ron Wilson, Ron Peluso, George Gibson, Sylvia Debenport, Wayne Bryan, Mark Madama, Thom King

COACHING / MASTER CLASSES

Martin Isepp, Martin Katz, Bill Lewis, Alan Held, Brian Steele, Nico Castel, Carole Castel

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Students in graduate programs at University of Oregon, University of Colorado Boulder, Yale, University of Washington, and the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Students employed with three different Cruise Lines. Students with professional experience in Denver, Los Angeles, and New York

RECORDINGS

St. Martin's Chamber Choir - *A Glimpse of Heaven* and *Dreams All Too Brief*

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Denver, CO - *King David*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Pi Kappa Lambda

National Association of Teachers of Singing

College Music Society

Mu Phi Epsilon

National Opera Association