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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Master of Fine Arts, Vocal Performance-Tulane University, 2001
Ancillary Certification, State of Louisiana, State Department of Education, 2001-2005
Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance-Loyola University, New Orleans, 1995

Academic Experience

2017-present Lecturer/Voice-Musical Theatre Department, Sam Houston State University
2006-present Private Voice Studio
2009-present Adjunct Faculty, Lone Star College-Montgomery Music Department,
D2L Certified
2008-2015 Voice Teacher, Montgomery High School, Choir Department, Texas
2004-2006 Music Department Chairperson/Vocal Music Lead Teacher,
New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts
2001-2004 Vocal Music Lead Teacher, New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts
Applied Voice, Ear Training, Music History, Theory 1, Vocal Workshop
1999-2001 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Tulane University
Introduction to Opera, Applied Voice
1998-2001 Philelectic Society Vocal Director, Jesuit High School, New Orleans
1997-1998 K-6 Music Teacher, Kehoe-France School, Metairie, LA
1996-1997 K-6 Music Teacher, Cedarwood School, Mandeville, LA
1995-1996 Performing Arts Director, C.L. Ganus High School, New Orleans, LA

Creative Productivity

Performer

2015-present Lead Vocalist/*Tuer Project Band*
2015-present Lead Vocalist/*Spiritwind Band*
2013-present Worship Singer-Walden Community Church, Montgomery, TX
1999-present Featured singer and founding member- *Swing Set*
1999-present Featured singer-*Jubilation*, Michael Lemmler, Music Director
2015-2016 Worship Singer-Montgomery United Methodist Church "The Forge"
1999-2005 Featured singer- *Jimmy Maxwell and His Orchestra*, New Orleans, LA
2003 Featured singer- *Harry Connick, Sr.*, New Orleans, LA
2002-2003 Featured singer-Copa Casino-Gulfport, MS

Musical Theatre/Opera

Jeannie-The Great American Trailer Park Musical-Lone Star College-Conroe, TX
Nancy-Oliver-Jefferson Performing Arts Society-Metairie, LA

Gwen-Bells Are Ringing-Rivertown Repertory Theatre-Kenner, LA
Hodel-Fiddler on the Roof-Jefferson Performing Arts Society
Agnes-The Amorous Flea-Rivertown Repertory Theatre
Erma-Anything Goes-RRT
Angel City 4-City of Angels-Le Petite Theatre, New Orleans, LA
Patience-Something's Afoot-Rivertown Repertory Theatre
Cinderella-Cinderella Battistella-University of New Orleans
1st Lady-The Magic Flute-Loyola University-New Orleans
Cinderella-Into the Woods-Slidell Little Theatre-Slidell, LA
Catherine-Pippin-St. Louis King of France-Metairie, LA
Joann-Godspell-Amazing Grace Theatre Co.
Patience-Rumplestilskin-University of New Orleans
Julie Jordan-Carousel-St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, LA
Meg Page-Falstaff-Southern Methodist University Opera Theatre, Dallas, TX
Mary Jane-Big River-St. Luke's Methodist Church
Principle Company-Onstage with Bob Hope-Southern Methodist University

Vocal Directing

Footloose by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie – Jesuit Philelectic Society
Guys and Dolls by Loesser - JPS
West Side Story by Bernstein, Laurents, Sondheim – Rivertown Repertory Theatre
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying by Loesser - JPS
Godspell by Stephen Schwartz - JPS
Steel Pier by Kander and Ebb – JPS (Regional Premiere)
The Who's Tommy by Pete Townshend and Des McAnuff (Regional Premiere) – JPS
Italian Opera (world premiere)-University of New Orleans
Carnival-Pearl River High School, Pearl River, LA

Directing

A Taste of Opera-NOCCA
Mind, Body, and Song-New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts
Winter Concert-NOCCA
Bye Bye Birdie-C.L. Ganus High School
Family Album-C.L. Ganus High School
Alice in Wonderland-St. Louis King of France (Assistant Director)

Television

AIDS: Get the Picture, Syndistar, Inc.; George Babson, producer
In a Minute, USA Network/Vivian Grice, producer
NOCCA Christmas Special, WLAE, New Orleans
Onstage with Bob Hope, Bob Banner, producer
South Central Bell commercials

Recording

2015 Journey Back Travis Tuer Project/Wire Road Studios, Houston, TX
2001 Live from the Canteen At The National D-day Museum in New Orleans, LA

Concerts

August 2016- *Gospel Music Night*, Dosey Doe Music Café, Conroe, TX
May 2016-*Swing Set*, 3rd Sunday Jazz Series at Christ Church, Covington, LA
April 2016 Chorus singer-*Symphony of the Goddess/Legend of Zelda*-
Saenger/New Orleans, LA
2002, 2003-*Swing Set*, French Quarter Festival, New Orleans, LA
2002-2003-*Swing Set*, Harrah's Casino, Jazz Court, New Orleans, LA
2003-*Swing Set*, Jazz 'N The Vines, Covington, LA
2003-*Swing Set*, 3rd Sunday Jazz Series at Christ Church, Covington, LA
2002-*Swing Set*, New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park

Technical Theatre

1994-1998-Supertitle Coordinator and Technician, New Orleans Opera Association
1998- Supertitle Coordinator and Technician, Jefferson Performing Arts Society

Production photos, videos and portfolio available upon request

Awards and Citations

2009-TMEA Guest Judge Region IX District Auditions
2004-2005 National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts, Teacher Recognition
1999-2001 Graduate School Full Tuition Scholarship, Tulane University
1998-Big Easy Award nominee, Erma, Anything Goes
1994-1995, Loyola University, Voice Scholarship
1994-1995, Loyola Chorale Member
1994-Loyola University, Dean's List
1991-1993, Perkins Chapel Choir Scholarship Recipient
1991-1993, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, Voice Scholarship
1991-Overture to the Cultural Season, 2nd Place, Vocal Music, New Orleans, LA
1991-The Discovery Series, The New Orleans Symphony with Maxim Shostakovich,
Lee Noris and Bob McGrath
1990-Tanglewood Institute, Lenox, MA
1990-Semi Finalist-National Association of Teachers of Singing

My Student's Accomplishments

2017-GHNATS, Musical Theatre/CCM, 3rd place finalist/Adult women Andrea Panakova
2015-*The Voice*, Student Lizzie Gallatin
2014-GHNATS, *MUSICAL THEATRE*, 2nd/ 3rd place/12th grade girls-Kimmie Dawn &
Lauren Swasta
2013-GHNATS, *MUSICAL THEATRE*, 1st place/12th grade girls-Jessica Knox;
1st place-11th grade girls-Elizabeth Gallatin
2013-GHNATS, *CLASSICAL*, 2nd place-11th grade girls, Kori Joye
2010-Student Caroline Hymel, 1st Place/12th grade girls/GHNATS
2010-Former student Lori Guilbeau, Metropolitan Opera National Council Grand
Finals Winner
2005 Curtis Institute of Music, Full Scholarship, Student Joshua Stewart
2005 Hartt School of Music, Full Scholarship, Student Michelle Schultz

2005 *American Idol* Top 12 Finalist, Student David Brown

2004 Manhattan School of Music, Student Lori Guilbeau

Professional Organizations

2001-present-National Association for Teachers of Singing, GHNATS (local)

2010-2011-Greater Houston NATS, Vice President

2005-2006-Music Teachers National Association

2004-2005-MENC

References

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