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Voice Teaching Qualifications

- Degree(s) in vocal performance, Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance (Texas Tech University), Certificate in Opera Performance (Texas Tech University), Master of Music (University of Alabama), Bachelor of Music (University of South Florida).
- Experienced in teaching voice for college-aged voice students, adults, teens, and children. Advancing student technique, classroom experience, language proficiency, and jury completion.
- Voice lessons include expanding the foundation of a healthy and balanced vocal technique through breath management, registration techniques, belt technique (for students of CCM), body mapping, vocal acoustics, and teaching steps to efficient practice methods.
- Classroom lecture experience in Vocal Pedagogy, English and Italian diction, and Music Appreciation.

Voice Performance Degrees

Texas Tech University

Doctor of Musical Arts, Vocal Performance

Certificate in Opera Performance

- Primary vocal studies with Dr. Gregory Brookes.
- Primary vocal studies include approaches to effectively navigating vocal registration; breath management, developing advanced diction skills in Italian, German, French, and English; broadening genres and style; emphasis on 20th century French song literature and French Baroque performance practice.
- In depth coursework on the music of Charles Ives, with a focus on the use of Transcendentalism in his song literature.
- Additional studies on Administration in higher education, student learning styles in University settings, developing syllabi, and skills of effective administration.
- Performance degree requirements include three recitals: two performance recitals, lecture recital, comprehensive examinations in music theory, history, and voice area, and document defense.
- Document topic: The Revival of The Golden Age: A Psychoacoustic Analysis of the Evolution of Musical Theatre Singing Styles

University of Alabama

Master of Music, Vocal Performance

- Primary vocal studies with Dr. Susan Williams.
- Voice lessons covering the use of body mapping and Alexander technique; performing new music including art song and opera.
- Heavy focus on opera in a 'workshop' setting- acting, improvisation, dance, yoga, and audition techniques.
- Advanced studies in the interpretation and performance practice of Medieval repertoire.
- Directed undergraduate students in their opera scenes performances.

University of South Florida

Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance

- Primary vocal studies with Dr. Brad Diamond.
- Voice lessons covering the fundamentals of singing through bel canto technique, studying a broad variety of musical styles, genres, and languages.
- Advanced studies on the performance practice and interpretation of Baroque repertoire through both solo and ensemble singing.

University and Private Voice Teaching

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Lecturer of Voice and Lyric Diction

Brownsville, TX *August 2020-Present*

- Instruct undergraduate Vocal Performance, Vocal Music Education, and Worship Studies students accepted through audition.
- Lessons advance students through the basics of vocal health and technique. This includes clean onset, breath support/management, articulation, resonance strategies for classical and belt, body alignment, and approaches to tension-free singing.
- Students evaluated via weekly assessment, written assignments, midterm examination, given semester grade, and perform in end of semester jury.
- Teach undergraduate English, German, Italian and French diction using the International Phonetic Alphabet.

Wayland Baptist University

Plainview, TX

Adjunct Professor of Voice

August 2019-May 2020

- Instruct undergraduate Vocal Performance, Vocal Music Education, and Worship Studies students accepted through audition.
- Assign age and skill appropriate repertoire, develop students' sense of style and diction, coach for upcoming auditions and jury performances.
- Students evaluated via weekly assessment, written assignments, midterm examination, given semester grade, and perform in end of semester jury.

Texas Tech University

Lubbock, TX

Graduate Instructor of Voice- School of Music (Applied Voice); School of Theatre and Dance (Musical Theatre) 2017-2020

- Instruct undergraduate Vocal Performance and Vocal Music Education students accepted through audition as well as undergraduate and graduate non-majors.
- Instruct undergraduate Musical Theatre students accepted through audition.
- Assign age and skill appropriate repertoire, develop students' sense of style and diction, coach for upcoming auditions and jury performances.
- Students evaluated via weekly assessment, written assignments, given semester grade, and perform in end of semester jury.

French Woods Festival of Performing Arts

Voice Instructor

Hancock, NY Summer 2020

Canceled due to COVID-19

University of Alabama Community Music School

Tuscaloosa, AL

2016-2017

- Instruct voice students with ages ranging from elementary school to adult.
- Lessons advance students through the basics of vocal technique and building the fundamentals of singing through appropriate studies and repertoire.
- Assign age and skill level appropriate repertoire, develop students' sense of style and diction, coach for upcoming auditions and performances.
- Students perform in a recital at the end of each semester.

University of Alabama

Graduate Instructor of Voice

Tuscaloosa, AL Fall 2015

- Instruct undergraduate secondary voice students accepted through audition.
- Lessons advance students through the basics of vocal health and technique. This includes clean onset, breath support/management, correct articulation, body alignment, and approaches to tension-free singing.
- Assign age and skill level appropriate repertoire, develop students' sense of style and diction, coach for upcoming auditions and jury performances.
- Students evaluated via weekly assessment, written assignments, given semester grade, and perform in end of semester jury.

Student Achievements

Spring 2020

- Student advanced to semi-final round of the NATS National auditions in the Upper College Musical Theatre TBB division.
- Student awarded 1st place in the Upper College Musical Theatre TBB division of Texoma Musical Theatre NATS auditions.
- Student advanced to semi-final round of the National Musical Theatre NATS Competition in NYC.
- Three students advanced to the final round for the Musical Theatre Initiative (MTI) competition as part of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), Region 6.

Fall 2019

- A scene submitted by the Texas Tech Musical Theatre cohort was awarded 2nd place at the National Opera Association's Musical Theatre Scenes Competition in January 2020.
- Student advanced to semi-finals of the first-year Classical TBB division of Texoma NATS.
- Student advanced to semi-finals of the third-year Classical TBB division of Texoma NATS.

2018-Spring 2019

- Student accepted and participated in Music in the Marche- Young Artist Program in Mondavio, Italy.
- Student awarded 3rd place in the Lower College TBB division of Panhandle/Rio Grande NATS auditions.

2016-2017

• Student offered role in Broadway production of *School of Rock* (Winter Garden Theatre- New York, NY).

Additional Teaching

Moonlight Musicals	Lubbock, TX
Summer Academy Instructor- "The Language of Music"	Summer 2020

John H. Guyer High School	Denton, TX
Guest Masterclass Clinician- Musical Theatre Voice	Summer 2019

Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
Undergraduate English and Italian Diction	Spring 2018

Undergraduate English and Italian Diction
Undergraduate Vocal Pedagogy

Spring 2018
Fall 2018

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL
Introduction to Listening, lecturer Fall 2015

Privately Owned Studio
Private Vocal Instruction

Tampa, FL 2012-2014

Directing Experience

Texas Tech Opera Theatre
Assistant Director, Street Scene
Upcoming: Fall 2020

University of Alabama Opera Theatre

Director, Selected Undergraduate Opera Scenes

Tuscaloosa, AL

2015-2017

Apprenticeships

Amarillo Opera, Young Artist

Amarillo, Texas

2019-2020

Cornish-American Song Institute, Vocal Fellow Oxford, England

2019

Red River Lyric Opera Summer Festival, Young Artist

Wichita Falls, TX

2016/2017

Greensboro Light Opera and Song Greensboro, NC

2016

Druid City Opera Workshop

Tuscaloosa, AL

2015

American Institute of Musical Studies, Concert Studio

Graz, Austria

2013

Tallis Scholars Summer School

Seattle, WA

2012

Presentations

National Opera Association- Texoma Regional Conference

Dallas, Texas

(Co-presented) Session Title: "Write It Down: An Opera Singer's Guide To Character Paperwork"

September 2019

National Opera Association- National Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

Poster Title: "An Analysis of Fluctuations in Vibrato Rate and Extent Using Affect in Operatic Repertoire." January 2019

Roles Performed

Amarillo Opera
Lucy- The Billy Goat's Gruff
July 2020

Opera BirminghamBirmingham, ALLa Fée (study cover)March 20204th Spirit(canceled due to COVID-19)

Amarillo Opera	Amarillo, TX
Adele- Die Fledermaus (cover)	October 2019
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
Papagena- Die Zauberflöte	2020
Monica – The Medium	2019
Valencienne – The Merry Widow	2018
Yum-Yum – The Mikado	2017
Cornish-American Song Institute	Oxford, England
Lupita- The Ugly Princess (European premiere, by Leila Sadlier)	2019
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Moonlight Musicals	Lubbock, TX
Marian Paroo – The Music Man	2018
Red River Lyric Opera	Wichita Falls, TX
Flora – The Turn of the Screw	2017
Morgana (cover) – <i>Alcina</i>	2017
Gretel – Hansel and Gretel	2016
Greensboro Light Opera	Greensboro, NC
Zorah – Ruddigore	2016
Mayzie La Bird – Seussical Jr.	2016
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University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Anna Reich – Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	2017
Emily Leach – Freedom and Fire! A Civil War Story (world premiere, by Amir Z	
Greta Fiorentino – Street Scene	2016
Anne Egerman – A Little Night Music	2015
University of South Florida	Tampa, FL
First Fairy – The Fairy Queen	2014
Angel More – The Mother of us All	2013
Cupid – King Arthur	2011
Solo Concert Performances	
Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra	Grand Junction, CO
Pops: A Colorado Christmas	December 2019
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Cornish American Song Institute	Falmouth, United Kingdom
Mozart – Regina Coeli	June 2019
Quedlinburg Stiftkirche Vespers Concert	Quedlinburg/Halberstadt, Germany
Halberstadt Cathedral Concert	June 2019
Gottesdienst, St. Aegidii Kirche	
Liederabend: Die Aule, Rollesaal- Carl-Ritter Bildungshaus	
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St. Johns United Methodist Church	Lubbock, TX
Faure – Requiem	2018

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Chorale
Rutter – Requiem

Zephyrhills, FL
2014

University of South Florida Pergolesi – Stabat Mater	Tampa, FL 2013
Professional Vocal Ensemble Performances	
Ethos Heart and Soul Rest	Tuscaloosa, AL 2015 2014
The Florida Orchestra RePlay: A Symphony of Heroes Video Games: Live!	Tampa, FL 2014 2013
Seraphic Fire/Professional Choral Institute Selected Bach Motets (concerts in Sarasota and Tampa) Brahms – Ein Deutsches Requiem (concerts in Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa)	Tampa, FL 2012 2011
The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay Beethoven – Symphony. No. 9 Mozart – Requiem Orff – Carmina Burana	Tampa, FL 2011/2014 2013 2012
Opera Chorus	
Greensboro Light Opera Sullivan: <i>Trial by Jury</i>	Greensboro, NC 2016
Opera Tampa Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana Leoncavallo: Pagliacci	Tampa, FL 2012 2012
Vero Beach Opera Leoncavallo: <i>Pagliacci</i>	Vero Beach, FL 2012
Selected Masterclass Performances	
Texas Tech University Susan Graham	Lubbock, TX 2019
University of Alabama Thomas Bagwell	Tuscaloosa, AL 2016
American Institute of Musical Studies Barbara Bonney	Graz, Austria 2013

Primary Voice Teachers

Texas Tech University Dr. Gregory Brookes	Lubbock, TX 2017-Present
Private Instruction (intermittent) Ken Bozeman, Lawrence Conservatory	
University of Alabama Dr. Susan Williams	Tuscaloosa, AL 2014-2017
University of South Florida Dr. Brad Diamond	Tampa, FL 2010-2014
Coaches	
William Averill Laurie Rogers Brian Osborne Thomas Bagwell Wilson Southerland Amanda Johnston Andreas Teufel	2017-2020 2017 2016 2016 2015-2016 2015 2013
Conductors	
Imre Palló Daniel Kleinknecht Jeremy Gill David Holley Blake Richardson John Ratledge Amy Andersson Evan Rogister Darryl Cooper Patrick Quigley Stefan Sanderling Anton Coppola James Bass	2020 2017 2017 2016 2015-2017 2015-2016 2014 2014 2013 2011-2012 2011 2011 2010-2014
Stage Directors	
Scott Skiba Gerald Dolter Copeland Woodruff Paul Houghtaling Corinne Hayes Dawn Harris	2019 2017-2020 2017 2015-2017 2016 2016

Service and Professional Affiliations

National Opera Association

Opera Production Competition Committee2019-PresentAdvertising Committee2018-2019

National Association of Teachers of Singing

President, 2018-2019

Texas Tech Student Chapter Vice President, 2017-2018

National Association of Teachers of Singing

Member, beginning 2019

Texoma, Panhandle Chapter

Awards and Honors

Helen Devitt Jones Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award 2019

Texas Tech University

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)

1st place; Graduate Women (Panhandle) 2018

Texas Tech University

J.T. and Margaret Talkington Doctoral Fellowship

2017-2020

International Great Composers Competition- Best Verdi Performance
3rd place
2017

2017

Grammy Nomination
Brahms – Ein Deutches Requiem: Best Choral Performance 2011

Additional Skills

Social Media Coordinator

Texas Tech Opera Theatre

August 2017-Present

Red River Lyric Opera

June-July 2017

Social Media Coordinator

June-July 2011