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Lyric Baritone | Choral Conductor

Education

Doctor of Musical Arts, Vocal Performance – Choral Conducting, minor May 2024
Conservatory for Music and Dance, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

Master of Music, Vocal Performance May 2021
Manhattan School of Music, New York, NY

B.A. Music, Vocal Performance Dec 2018
Texas Southern University, Houston, TX

Professional Experience

Vocal Assistant, Olathe North High School, Olathe, KS – 2021 – Current

- Teach applied voice
- Prepare students for district, regional and all state choir competitions
- Serve as the primary instructor of voice, taking students to solo competitions

Artistic Director, Voices of Hartford, Hartford, CT. – 2021 – Current

- Select standard and diverse repertoire
- Teach and conduct the choir
- Serve as one of many mentors to the singers

Assistant Coordinator, COGIC Chorale, Church of God in Christ Intl. Music Dept. 2021-

- Assist with selecting appropriate songs for ministry at COGIC events
- Assist with teaching predetermined songs to the choir
- Serve as one of two conductors for the ensemble
- Provide piano accompaniment for ensemble as needed
- Prepare the ensemble for all national conferences.

Bass 1, Inaugural Member, Jason Max Ferdinand Singers – 2021- Current

- Arrive to all scheduled venues with all music learned and memorized

Director of Choirs, Brazosport High School, Freeport Intermediate School - 2020 – 2021

- Conducting varsity and non-varsity choirs
- Teaching voice
- Teaching sight-singing
- Prepare students for U.I.L and TMEA All state competitions

- Oversee budget and expenses needed to run program

Music Director/Organist, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Rosharon, TX – 2020 - 2021

- Conduct choir rehearsals weekly
- Conduct the Mass Choir
- Accompany all services on piano or organ

Music Director, Union Baptist Church, Hartford, CT –2019-2020

- Lead and conduct the Union Baptist Church Mass Choir
- Accompany choirs and soloist on piano and organ as needed
- Train and recruit both musicians and singers

Music Director/Organist, True Vine Church of God in Christ, Houston, TX – 2018-2019
Responsibilities

- Served as the overall overseer of the Music Department.
- Accompany all scheduled services according to church calendar.
- Train and implement organizational structure within the department.
- Program and plan events according to church calendar.

Achievements

- Increased number of choir members.
- Implemented more diverse styles of worship.

Voice and Piano Instructor, In Home Music Teachers, Houston, TX – 2018-2019

- Develop a syllabus and course structure.
- Teach elementary and secondary music methods.
- Travel to numerous parts of the city to students' homes.
- Provide method books and other related materials.

Church Accompanist, Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal Church, Houston, TX – 2017-2018

- Attend and accompany all scheduled services.
- Overseen all band members and singers.
- Prepare prelude and postlude for each service.
- Assisted in event planning for the ministry.

Bass-Baritone, Houston Citywide Grassroots Chorus –2016-2017

- Arrive to all scheduled venues with all music learned and memorized

Bass-Baritone, Houston Ebony Opera Guild (HEOG), Houston TX –2014-2018

- Arrive to all scheduled venues with all music learned and memorized

Academy Intern, Hampton Choir Directors' & Organist Guild Workshop – June 2016

Organist, Northside Church of God in Christ, Tulsa, OK – 2013-2014

- Attend weekly choir rehearsals
- Accompany all services scheduled according to the church calendar.

Organist, St. Paul Trinity Church of God in Christ, Tulsa, OK – 2010-2013

- Accompany all services scheduled according to the church calendar.

Performance Experience

Opera Roles

Pandolfe	Cendrillon	Manhattan School of Music	2020
Masetto	Don Giovanni	Varna Opera Academy	2017
Bluff	The Impresario	Texas Southern University	2016

Opera Scenes

Robert	Margaret Garner	Manhattan School of Music	2020
Chorus	I Due Figaro	Manhattan School of Music	2019
Chorus	Il Trovatore	Texas Southern University	2016
Porgy	Porgy & Bess	Texas Southern University	2016
Chorus	Lucia	Texas Southern University	2015
Mephistopheles	Faust	Texas Southern University	2015

Concerts

Handel's Messiah	Soloist.	Elgin, IL	
UMKC Choral Union Concert	Soloist	Kansas City, MO	2022
Jason Max Ferdinand Singers	Soloist	London, England (Virtual)	2021
Handel Operas	Soloist	Opera Singers Intl. Theatre	2021
Black History Program	Soloist	F.B.I. Chelsea Office, NYC	2020
Gods Trombones	Soloist	Union Baptist Church, CT	2019
Annual Men's Day	Soloist	Trinity East UMC, TX	2018
French Orchestral Gala	Soloist	Varna Opera Academy	2017
TSU Fall Concert	Soloist	Texas Southern University	2017
Barbara Jordan Memorial	Soloist	Texas Southern University	2017
Wendall Whalum Recitals Series	Soloist	Hampton University, VA	2016
Protest Songs	Soloist	Texas Southern University	2016
Black History Program	Soloist	Texas Southern University	2016
Department Recital	Soloist	Texas Southern University	2015

Professional Affiliations

Church of God in Christ (COGIC) - Member
Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) – Member
National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) – Member
Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) – Member
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated – Member

Applied Teachers

Dr. Jolie Locke, *voice*
Ruth Golden, *voice*
Dr. Maria Kanyova, *voice*
Calvin Fuller, *organ*
Dr. Lucian Zidaru, *piano*
Dr. Karen Savage, *piano*
Dr. Jennaya Robison, *conducting*

Coaches

Shannon Hesse
Ariadna Lagrean-Chiba
Natalie Rivera
Eric Sedgwick
Nobuko Ameniya.
Daniel Fung

Master Classes

Willie A. Waters, *conductor*
Angela Simpson, *soprano*
Darryl Taylor, *countertenor*
James D. Rodriguez, *baritone*
Brandon Boyd, *conductor*