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Education and Credentials

Master of Music: Choral Conducting (MMus) **Sep. 2008 – Aug. 2010**

Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), St. John's, NL

Bachelor of Music: Piano Performance and Music History (BMus) **Sep. 2001 – Aug. 2007**

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON

Registered Music Teacher **Jan. 2016 – present**

Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association (ORMTA), Kitchener, ON

Experience

Piano Teacher **Apr. 2015 – present**

City of Guelph, Guelph, ON

- Currently teaching weekly piano lessons at Evergreen Seniors Community Centre;
- Students ages 55+ sign up for seasonal terms as part of the city's community recreation program;
- All levels of musical ability are welcomed. Some students are complete beginners while others have experience but may not have played in decades;
- Working with the student to determine her short and long-term goals, guiding her in learning to play music she is fond of, as well as learning theory, chord reading and improvisation.

Private Piano Teacher **Sep. 2014 – present**

Darryl's Piano, Private Studio, Guelph, ON

- Operating a private piano studio geared towards students 7 years and older;
- All levels are welcome, from beginners to advanced players;
- Teaching approach tailored to student's interests. Some students are more interested in Popular Music and chording while others are passionate about Classical Music;
- Lessons include learning repertoire, scales, chords, theory, developing good practice habits, practicing ear training and exploring structured improvisation;
- Strong emphasis placed on developing sound and healthy technique.

German Tutor**Feb. 2013 – Apr. 2014***Private Tutoring Service, Guelph, ON*

- Following the standard European language curriculum, helped a 12-year-old boy develop proper grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, as well as confidence to use German when communicating with his family in Switzerland;
- Lessons included songs, rhymes, cue cards for quizzing, creative handouts, props, role-playing, and writing letters to family overseas. Each unit was concluded with an original test.

Music Director and Organist**Sep. 2010 – Aug. 2012***St. Michael's Anglican Church, St. John's, NL*

- Prepared the choir to sing for weekly services, community events, and important occasions in the church year such as Christmas and Easter;
- Was responsible for hiring five Choral Scholars from the Memorial University Music Program to augment the sound of the choir;
- Led children's worship music on guitar for Saturday family services;
- Played the organ for weekly Sunday High Anglican Masses. Music included preludes, postludes, hymns, and improvisations to ensure a smooth flow of the service.

Piano Teacher**Sep. 2011 – Aug. 2012***The Music Collection, St. John's, NL*

- Worked at private music school with a studio of 18 students, aged 5 through 65;
- Teaching methods included playing duets with students, singing, building rhythms with flashcards, props, theory, improvisation, and making simplified arrangements of popular tunes;
- Students performed regularly in seasonal recitals.

Choral Accompanist**Sep. 2008 – Aug. 2012***The Philharmonic Choir of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, St. John's, NL*

- Played for rehearsals and performances. Works included, Brahms' *Liebeslieder Walzes* and *Requiem*, *The Messiah*, and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* with Anton Kuerti;
- Coached the choir in German diction;
- Choir directed by Dr. Douglas Dunsmore.

Collaborative Pianist**Oct. 2010 – Aug. 2012***MUN Music School, St. John's, NL*

- Collaborated privately with university voice and instrumental music students;
- Helped students improve the musicality of their pieces during rehearsal;
- Accompanied students for juries, recitals, concerto competitions, masterclasses, private lessons and the annual Kiwanis music festival.

Voice Studio Accompanist**Jun. 2010 – Aug. 2012***Private Voice Studios, St. John's, NL*

- Accompanied studios of local voice teachers, Maya Mohan and Erin Milley-Patey. Played for their students in lessons, auditions, and Kiwanis Music Festivals.

Voice Accompanist**Sep. – Dec. 2010***Opera Workshop, MUN Music School, St. John's, NL*

- Accompanied 15 students in the fall Opera Workshop course;
- Help students with German diction.

Collaborative Pianist**Jul. 2010***Sound Symposium #15, St. John's, NL*

- Performed with Toronto, Ontario's *River Connected* percussion duo;
- Featured the world premiere of *Independence: Music for Piano and Percussion* by Gregory Hawco;
- Concert was recorded in *Petro Canada Hall* for later broadcast on CBC Radio 2's *The Signal*.

Per-Course Instructor**Sep. – Dec. 2009***MUN Music School, St. John's, NL*

- Was responsible for teaching 'Undergraduate Choral Conducting I, MU2311' a 3-credit course with 34 students enrolled;
- Course designed to provide the foundations of conducting gesture, rehearsal technique and singing;
- Consisted of three class hours per week in which students worked with the class as a lab choir. Their conducting was video recorded and analyzed one-on-one with myself outside of class.
- Teaching Assistant for MU2311, MU2312 and Improvisation Ensemble Class, MU3518.

Opera Roadshow Accompanist

May 1 – Jun. 12 2009

MUN Music School, St. John's, NL

- Accompanied and provided musical direction for the Music School's annual Opera Roadshow. Toured around the island of Newfoundland performing Humperdinck's *Hänsel and Gretel* for elementary school students.

Voice Studio Accompanist

Feb – Jun. 2007

Private Voice Studio of Monika Lenz, Heidelberg, Germany

- Accompanied lessons for 12 voice students during their spring term;
- Lessons conducted entirely in German;
- Semester concluded with a recital.

Piano Teacher

Oct. 2005 – Feb. 2006

Waterloo Music, Waterloo, ON

- Taught weekly piano lessons for a studio of 14 students, aged 7 to 50, beginner through grade 10;

Choir Director and Keyboardist

Feb. 2004 – May. 2006

Unity Centre for Practical Christianity, Kitchener, ON

- Accompanied two weekly services, directed choir from the keyboard, played for weddings and funerals.

Volunteer Experience

Telephone Reassurance Volunteer

Aug. 2013 – Oct. 2014

Victorian Order of Nurses, Guelph, ON

- Provided periodic phone reassurance to a patient who was suffering a debilitating disease.

Languages Spoken

English –native proficiency

German –professional working proficiency

French –basic conversational proficiency