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## EDUCATION

- University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, California**  
*Doctor of Musical Arts* 2013  
Fields of Study: Music Education; Vocal Literature; Vocal Pedagogy; Operatic Stage Directing
- University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, California**  
*Master of Music in Vocal Arts and Opera* 2010
- Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, New Jersey**  
*Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance & Music Education* 2007

## ADDITIONAL STUDY

- SongFest** 2012  
Marc and Eva Stern Fellowship
- Aspen Opera Theater Center** 2010, 2011  
Full Scholarship
- The Martina Arroyo Foundation, Prelude to Performance<sup>®</sup>, Summer Program** 2009
- Spoletto Festival USA** 2007, 2008
- Opera New Jersey Associate Artist Program** 2007
- Académie Internationale d'Eté de Nice: Interprétation chant & piano** 2006

## AREAS OF SCHOLARLY/PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Vocal Pedagogy; Song Literature; Opera; Studies of Dr. Alfred A. Tomatis; Vocal Health; Stage Directing;  
Vocal Anatomy

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Eastern New Mexico University, College of Fine Arts, Department of Music, Portales, NM** 2014-Present  
*Vocal Area Coordinator*  
*Assistant Professor of Music, Voice; Tenure Track*

*Teaching:* Individual Instruction; Studio Class; Vocal Literature; Vocal Pedagogy; Fundamentals of Voice; Stagecraft for Singers; Stage Director; Opera/Musical Tour

*Vocal Area Coordinator:* Student/Teacher Assignments; Organize Jury Exams; Facilitate Vocal Area Events and Meetings; Student Recruitment

**Mahidol University, College of Music, Bangkok, Thailand** 2013-2014  
*Chair of Classical Voice Department*  
*Full-Time Instructor*

*Teaching:* Individual Instruction; Studio Class; Class Voice; Role Preparation; Opera Coach; Baroque Vocal Ensemble; Opera Chorus Master

*Department Chair:* Class Voice Course Coordinator; Department Budget; Facilitate Department Meetings; Structured Curriculum & Policy; Advise/Evaluate Colleagues; Approve/Submit Department Grades

**Fullerton Junior College, Fine Arts Department, Fullerton, CA** 2012-2013  
*Adjunct Professor of Music, Voice*

*Teaching:* Individual Instruction; Music Reading; Class Voice

**University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, CA** 2008-2013  
*Instructor/Head Vocal Arts Teaching Assistant*

*Teaching:* Individual Instruction; Beginning Class Voice; Intermediate Class Voice

*Supervisory:* Vocal Arts Teaching Assistants; Student/Teacher Assignments; Organize Student Recitals; Facilitate Los Angeles Philanthropic Committee for the Arts Masterclass Series

**Kilden Teater, Kristiansand, Norway** 2011  
*Vocal Consultant/Assistant Stage-Director*

*Teaching:* Voice Coaching to Cast of "West Side Story"

**Private Voice Studio, Los Angeles, CA** 2008-2013

**Westminster Conservatory of Music, Princeton, NJ** 2007-2008  
*Junior Faculty*

*Teaching:* General Music Instruction; Laboratory School Curriculum Development

## PUBLICATIONS

*Allowing the Ear to Sing: The Tomatis Method and Singing* 2014  
Music Journal, College of Music, Mahidol University, Volume 19 No. 7, March 2014

## COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**An American Portrait, TEXOMA Regional NATS Conference Artist Series, Canyon, TX** 2016  
- Will perform a multi-media recital of American art songs dealing with sociopolitical issues throughout American history

**Choosing Solo Vocal Repertoire for Young Voices, NJACDA Summer Conference, East Windsor, NJ** 2016  
- Will present on considerations for assigning solo vocal repertoire for young voices

**Voice Building: An Ensemble of Leaders, NJACDA Summer Conference, East Windsor, NJ** 2015  
- Presented vocalizes and exercises that establish a process for singing

## GUEST TEACHING

**Student-Centered Vocal Instruction, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT** 2015  
- Interactive discussion focused on student-centered vocal instruction within the studio voice paradigm

**Men's Choir Festival, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM** 2015  
- Provided vocal and musical instruction for the members of the bass section

**Vocal Masterclass, Muleshoe High School, Muleshoe, TX** 2015  
- Performed a vocal masterclass for students of the Muleshoe High School Choral Program

**Artist in Residence, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, LA** 2015  
- Performed a week long residency providing vocal instruction for undergraduate musical theater majors in a masterclass and studio setting as well as guest lectured in several courses

**Artesia Middle School Vocal Clinic, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM** 2015  
- Performed a vocal clinic for the Artesia Middle School Choir

**Men's Choir Festival, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM** 2015  
- Performed as a guest solo artist with the festival choir and provided vocal and musical instruction for the members of the bass section

**Vocal Coaching, North-Hunterdon, Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ** 2015  
- Provided vocal coaching for students preparing roles for a production of *Mary Poppins*

**Student-Centered Vocal Instruction, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT** 2014  
- Interactive discussion focused on student-centered vocal instruction within the studio voice paradigm

**Vocal Health, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM** 2014  
- Presented an interactive lecture on strategies to maintain a healthy voice as well as consequences of bad habits and behaviors

**Vocal Masterclass, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM** 2014  
- Provided vocal instruction for undergraduate vocal performance majors in a masterclass setting

**Music Theater Workshop, KAD Performing Arts School, Chiangmai, Thailand** 2014  
- Facilitated a three day workshop for emerging artists focusing on acting and singing

- Vocal Health, Mahidol University College of Music, Bangkok, Thailand** 2013  
- Presented an interactive lecture on strategies to maintain a healthy voice as well as consequences of bad habits and behaviors
- Vocal/Choral Workshop, Mahidol University College of Music, Bangkok, Thailand** 2013  
- Worked with the College of Music, Mahidol University Men's Choir to further develop sound vocal technique
- The Vocal Works of Charles Ives, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA** 2013  
- Guest lectured on the life and works of Charles Ives in the undergraduate vocal literature course at Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California
- Vocal Health, North-Hunterdon, Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ** 2013  
- Presented an interactive lecture on strategies to maintain a healthy voice as well as consequences of bad habits and behaviors
- The Art of Lyric Diction, North-Hunterdon, Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ** 2012  
- A choral/vocal workshop focused on clear diction supported by sound vocal production
- Vocal Anatomy, North-Hunterdon, Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ** 2011  
- Presented an interactive lecture explaining the anatomical structure and function of the vocal apparatus
- Vocal Workshop, William Cullen Bryant High School, Sunnyside, NY** 2011  
- Worked with the William Cullen Bryant High School Mixed Choir to further develop sound vocal technique
- Tomatis and the Singer, North-Hunterdon, Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ** 2010  
- Presented an interactive lecture on the studies of Dr. Alfred A. Tomatis and their application to the learning of singing

## **SERVICE**

- Eastern New Mexico University, College of Fine Arts Department of Music** 2014-Present  
Publicity Committee, chair  
Assessment Committee, member  
Web Think Committee, member  
Commencement Singers, conductor  
Faculty Senate  
Vocal Area Faculty Search Committee, member  
Faculty Mentor  
Vocal Area Coordinator
- Mahidol University, College of Music** 2013-2014  
Princess Dusadee Birthday Concert, producer/performer  
Faculty Christmas Concert, producer/performer  
Small Ensemble Concert, producer  
Wednesday Workshop Series, producer  
Thai Beverage Corporation Gala, producer

## ELECTED OFFICES

**College Music Society – Rocky Mountain Chapter, Treasurer** 2015-Present  
- Serve on the Executive Board  
- Create Budget for Regional Conference

## ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE

**TEXOMA Regional NATS Competition** 2016  
- West Texas A&M University, Canyon TX

**New Mexico Music Educators Association All-State Music Festival Audition** 2016  
- Eastern New Mexico University; Portales, New Mexico  
- University of New Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico  
- New Mexico State University; Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Southeast New Mexico Music Educators Association Solo/Ensemble Competition** 2016  
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

**Friends of Music Scholarship Competition** 2016  
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

**Rio Grande District NATS Competition** 2016  
- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Northwest New Mexico Music Educators Association Large Group Music Performance Assessment** 2016  
- Bloomfield High School; Bloomfield, New Mexico

**TEXOMA Regional NATS Competition** 2015  
- Oklahoma City University; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Southeast New Mexico Music Educators Association Solo/Ensemble Competition** 2015  
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico  
- Oñate High School, Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Southeast New Mexico Music Educators Association Large Group Music Performance Assessment** 2015  
- Marshall Auditorium, Clovis, New Mexico

**Friends of Music Scholarship Competition** 2015  
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

**Rio Grande District NATS Competition** 2015  
- Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

**New Mexico Music Educators Association All-State Music Festival Audition** 2014  
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**Southeast New Mexico Music Educators Association Solo/Ensemble Competition** 2014  
- Eastern New Mexico University; Portales, New Mexico

**STAGE/MUSIC DIRECTION EXPERIENCE**

Music Director	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2017
Stage Director	<i>1776</i>	RVRHS Performing Arts Center, NJ	2016
Stage Director	<i>The True Story of Cinderella</i>	ENMU Tour	2016
Stage Director	<i>The True Story of Cinderella</i>	Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2016
Stage Director	<i>Caffeinated</i>	RVRHS Performing Arts Center, NJ	2015
Stage Director	<i>Camelot</i>	Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2015
Stage Director	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2014
Stage Director	<i>Getting Married</i>	RVRHS Performing Arts Center, NJ	2014
Stage Director	<i>Looking East</i>	RVRHS Performing Arts Center, NJ	2013
Stage Director	<i>Opera Scenes</i>	Chamber Opera of USC, CA	2012
Assistant Stage-Director	<i>West Side Story</i>	Kilden Teater, Kristiansand Norway	2011

**PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

**Opera Performance**

Emile De Becque	<i>South Pacific</i>	Monroe Symphony Orchestra	2015
Gianni Schicchi	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	California State University of Fullerton	2013
Trinculo	<i>The Tempest</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2012
Father (Peter)	<i>Hänsel und Gretel</i>	California State University Fullerton	2012
Papageno	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2011
Chorus	<i>Falstaff</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2011
Lt. Schrank	<i>West Side Story</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2011
Sid	<i>Albert Herring</i>	California State University Fullerton	2011
Gianni Schicchi	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2010
Wilhelm	<i>The Ghost of Versailles</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2010
Angelo	<i>Das Liebesverbot</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC	2010
Sid	<i>Albert Herring</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2009
Doktor Falke	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Prelude to Performance®	2009
Masetto	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2009
Tarquinius (concert)	<i>The Rape of Lucretia</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2008
Policeman	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Opera New Jersey	2007
Uncle Yakusidé	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Princeton Festival	2006
Messenger	<i>Beatrice and Benedict</i>	Westminster Opera Theater	2005
Sailor	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Westminster Summer Song Festival	2004
Speed	<i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i>	Westminster Music Theater	2004

**Roles Covered**

Antonio	<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2010
Friedrich	<i>Das Liebesverbot</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2010
Tarquinius	<i>The Rape of Lucretia</i>	Thornton School of Music, USC Opera	2008

**Scenes Performed**

Hamlet (act I duet)	<i>Hamlet</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2011
Sam (scene 1)	<i>Trouble in Tahiti</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2011
Marco (notary scene)	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2010
Alidoro (introduction scene)	<i>Cenerentola</i>	Aspen Opera Theater Center	2010

Marcello (Act III)	<i>La Boheme</i>	Westminster Opera Scenes	2007
<b>Opera Chorus Performance</b>			
<i>Falstaff</i>		Aspen Opera Theater Center	2011
<i>Amistad</i>		Spoletto Festival USA	2008
<i>Rigoletto</i>		Opera New Jersey	2008
<i>La Traviata</i>		Boheme Opera	2008
<i>Roméo et Juliette</i>		Opera New Jersey	2007
<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>		Opera New Jersey	2007
<i>Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny</i>		Spoletto Festival USA	2007
<i>Sweeney Todd</i>		Princeton Festival	2005
<i>Beatrice and Benedict</i>		Westminster Opera Theater	2005
<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>		Westminster Summer Song Festival	2004
<b>Concert Performance</b>			
<i>Pops Concert</i>		Southwest Symphony Orchestra, NM	2016
<i>ENMU Jazz Band Tour</i>		Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2015
<i>ENMU Men's Choir Festival</i>		Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2015
<i>POPS</i>		Eastern New Mexico University, NM	2014
<i>The Voices</i>		Strauss Theater Center, LA	2014
<i>Broadway and Beyond</i>		KAD Performing Arts Center, Chiangmai	2014
<i>Voices of Musicals</i>		Sala Sudasiri Sobha, BKK	2014
<i>Messiah (Christmas Portion)</i>		Mahidol University, BKK	2014
<i>Faculty Christmas Concert</i>		Mahidol University, BKK	2013
<i>Ein Deutsches Requiem</i>		Calvary Presbyterian Church, CA	2013
<i>Requiem (Mozart)</i>		Hunterdon Symphony, NJ	2012
<i>A Night at The Opera</i>		SongFest, CA	2012
<i>The American SongBook</i>		SongFest, CA	2012
<i>Requiem (Mozart)</i>		Symphony of the Vines, CA	2011
<i>Ein Deutsches Requiem</i>		Calvary Presbyterian Church, CA	2011
<i>Mass in G (Schubert)</i>		Canto Bello Chamber Orchestra, CA	2010
<i>Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cécile</i>		Canto Bello Chamber Orchestra, CA	2010
<i>Requiem (Fauré)</i>		La Sierra University Orchestra, CA	2009
<i>Kata Markon (world premier)</i>		Mark Lanz Weiser, CA	2009
<i>Plain-Chant for America</i>		USC Honors William Grant Still, CA	2009
<i>Cantata 140 (Bach)</i>		Bethlehem Lutheran Church, CA	2008
<i>Requiem (Fauré)</i>		Westminster Master Singers, NJ	2008
<i>Requiem (Fauré)</i>		Westminster Choir College, NJ	2007
<i>Messiah (Selections)</i>		Hillsborough Reformed Church, NJ	2006
<i>Mass in G (Schubert)</i>		Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, NJ	2006
<i>The Creation</i>		Westminster Conservatory, NJ	2006
<b>Recital Performance</b>			
<i>An American Portrait</i>		TEXOMA Regional NATS Conference Artist Series, TX	2016
<i>An American Portrait: Solo Faculty Recital</i>		Eastern New Mexico University	2016
<i>The House of Life: Solo Faculty Recital</i>		Eastern New Mexico University	2015
<i>Student Collaborative Piano Recital</i>		Eastern New Mexico University	2015
<i>An American Romance</i>		Mahidol University, BKK	2013
<i>The House of Life</i>		University of Southern California, CA	2013
<i>DMA Collaborative Piano Recital</i>		University of Southern California, CA	2013
<i>¡España!</i>		SongFest, CA	2012
<i>MM Collaborative Piano Recital</i>		University of Southern California, CA	2012

A Brief Light (Premier)	Thayer Hall, CA	2012
DMA Collaborative Piano Recital	University of Southern California, CA	2012
A Poet's Love	University of Southern California, CA	2011
MM Collaborative Piano Recital	University of Southern California, CA	2011
Winterreise	University of Southern California, CA	2010
Solo Voice Recital	St. Paul Lutheran Church, NJ	2010
The House of Life	Westminster Choir College, NJ	2007
Solo Voice Recital	Westminster Choir College, NJ	2006

### Choral Performance

<i>Messiah</i>	Eastern New Mexico University Singers, Dr. Jason Paulk	Santa Fe Symphony	2014
<i>Beethoven: Mass in C</i>	Westminster Choir, Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt	Spoletto Festival	2008
<i>Mahler: No. 2</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Neeme Järvi	NJSO	2008
<i>Verdi: Requiem</i>	Westminster Choir, Joseph Flummerfelt	Spoletto Festival	2007
<i>Beethoven No. 9</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, David Robertson	Lucerne Festival	2007
<i>Verdi: Requiem</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Dr. Joe Miller	Westminster Festival	2007
<i>Messiah</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Richard Hickox	New York Philharmonic	2005
<i>La Damnation de Faust</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Charles Dutoit	New York Philharmonic	2005
<i>Ein Deutches Requiem</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Rafael Frutoit de Burgos	Dresden Philharmonic	2004
<i>Ein Deutches Requiem</i>	Westminster Symphonic Choir, Neeme Järvi	NJSO	2004

### VOICE TEACHERS

Donald Brinegar  
Rod Gilfry  
Eric Halfvarson  
Marvin Keenze  
W. Stephen Smith

### VOCAL COACHES

Alan Smith  
Martina Arroyo  
Brian DeMaris  
Dalton Baldwin  
J.J. Penna  
Kenneth Merrill  
Joseph Li  
Martin Katz

### MASTERCLASSES

Daniel Belcher  
Sir Thomas Allen  
Lauren Flannigan  
John Miller  
Peter Mark  
Elizabeth Hynes  
Kate Lindsey  
Martin Katz  
Jake Heggie  
Margot Garrett  
Graham Johnson  
William Bolcom

### CONDUCTORS

Brent McMunn  
Willie Anthony Waters  
Joseph Flummerfelt  
James Gaffigan  
Michael Christie  
James Carahar  
Daniel Beckwith

### STAGE DIRECTORS

Ken Cazan  
Edward Berkeley  
Bill Fabris  
Michael Scarola  
Marc Verzatt  
Michaela Bogdan  
Marc Astafan



## AWARDS AND HONORS

Vocal Arts Department Award, University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music	2014
Opera Award, University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music	2014
Full Scholarship University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music	2008 - 2013
Marc and Eva Stern Fellowship at SongFest	2012
Aspen Opera Theater Center Full Scholarship	2011
Vocal Arts Department Award, University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music	2010
Finalist, Burbank Philharmonic Hennings-Fischer Young Artists' Competition	2010
The Martina Arroyo Foundation, Inc. Prelude to Performance® Scholarship	2009
Opera New Jersey Associate Artist Program	2007
Deans List, Westminster Choir College	2004 - 2007
Deans Award, Westminster Choir College	2004 - 2007
Full Scholarship Académie Internationale d'Été de Nice: Interprétation chant & piano	2006
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges	2005
1st Place Westminster Choir College Voice Scholarship Competition	2005
New Jersey NATS, Semi-Finalist	2004

## MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

National Association of Teachers of Singing  
The College Music Society  
New Jersey State Teaching Certification; Special Subjects: Music Content Knowledge K - 12

## REFERENCES

Dr. Jean Ornellas – Associate Professor of Voice, Chair of Music Department  
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