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RESUME

EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
M.M. in Music Education (1995)

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
B.M. in Music Education (1985) Magna Cum Laude
Violin, major while also playing in ensembles on trumpet.

Villanova University, Villanova, PA
Majoring in Astronomy, and Awarded a Naval ROTC Scholarship (1981-1982)

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Courses toward Doctorate in Educational Leadership (2014-2015)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rowan University
Adjunct Instructor (Sep. 2023 - Present)

The University of the Arts
Adjunct Instructor (Jan. 2023 - Present)

Washington Township High School, Sewell, NJ
Interim Orchestra Dir. (Feb. 28, 2023 – Confirmed Completion Date of June 12, 2023)

School District of Haverford Township, Havertown, PA
Secondary String Instructor and Orchestra Director at Haverford High School and Haverford Middle School, Classroom Music at Haverford Middle School. (1986 – Retired, 7/1/2022)

School District of Haverford Township, Havertown, PA
Co-Director of Music Dept. (2013 – Retired, 7/1/2022)

Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA
String Ensemble Dir. (2015-2017)

Readington Township School District, Readington Township, NJ
Director of String Program, grades K – 8 (1985-1986)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Education Association (NEA)
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA)
American String Teachers Association (ASTA)
Immediate Past-President of PA/DE Chapter of ASTA (PADESTA)
Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia (ACMP) Board Member

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of PADESTA Distinguished Service Award for an Individual (2018)
Participate and Fellow in the “Conducting Workshop for Music Educators” at the Julliard School (2013, 2015, respectively)
Haverford High School Orchestra performs at PMEA State Conferences (1989, 1992, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2009)
Haverford High School String Ensemble performs at PMEA State Conferences (2001, 2005, 2016)
Haverford Middle School String Orchestra performs at PMEA State Conferences (1991, 2008)
Various String Chamber Groups perform at PMEA State Conference (1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2006)
Haverford High School Orchestra participates in “America’s 400th Anniversary”, Jamestown, VA (2007)
Superior Ratings and Best Overall Awards earned at the Disney Music Fests and Festivals of Music.
Recipient of Citation Of Excellence Award from PMEA District 12 (2006)
Haverford High School Orchestra receives Best Overall Award at the Dixie Classics Festival (2004)
Haverford High School Orchestra participates in “Side by Side” with the Philadelphia Orchestra (2000)

PRESENTATIONS

Temple University, Phila. Pa
Eastern University, St. David’s, PA
Pennsylvania Music Educator’s Association (PMEA) State Conferences
Delaware Music Educator’s Association (DMEA) In-Service
American String Teachers Association (ASTA) National Conferences
National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Eastern Division and National Conferences
Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinics
Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) State Conferences
New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) State Conferences and Technology
Institute for Music Educators (TI:ME) National Conference
Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) State Conference and Technology Institute
for Music Educators (TI:ME) National Conference
Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) State Conference
Alabama Music Educators Association (AMEA) State Conferences
Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) State Conference
PMEA District 12 In-Service
PMEA District 11 In-Service

FESTIVALS CONDUCTED

South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Assoc. (SJBODA) 7/8 Orchestra
High School Orchestra Festival for PMEA District 9
Middle School String Fest for PMEA District 10
Middle School String Fest for PMEA District 8
7/8 Grade String Fest PMEA District 12
Assistant Conductor for PMEA Region 6 Orchestra Festival
Berks County Music Festival Orchestras, both Sr. High and Jr. High
Fairfield CT. String Festival 50th Anniversary

OTHER

Freelance Violinist, Trumpeter and Organist with busy playing schedule throughout the year for weddings, church services, and other occasions.

Organist & Choir Director at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, Broomall, PA (1990-2004). Hosting and conducting of multiple large-scale events for Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Former member and chorus director (1981 – 1996) in the “Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS). Former music specialist for the Wilmington Chapter of BHS and former member of the Barbershop Quartet “Abracadabra”

Kidney Donor (1997), organ transplant advocate, and cancer survivor