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Credentials

Bachelor of Music (Choral/General) JX
Western Michigan University, School of Music

Education

Western Michigan University (1999-2003) Kalamazoo, MI

School of Music, Lee Honors College

Secondary Music Education. Included private voice study with Dr. David Little, private record production study with Dr. Steve Zegree, and private conducting study and graduate-level conducting experience with Dr. Joe Miller.

Professional Experience

Internship

Holland Christian High School (Winter 2003) Holland, MI — Choral music, grades 9-12.

Conducted 4 curricular mixed ensembles.

Organized and selected repertoire for a 12-voice sophomore mixed ensemble.

Developed a 6-week music history/appreciation curriculum that covered traditional African music & European style periods in both music and art. Interviewed Sudanese foreign exchange students and researched African culture in Sudan, Zimbabwe, and Zaire.

Pre-Internship

Hillside Middle School (Fall 2002) Kalamazoo, MI — Choral music, grade 8.

Planned class rehearsals and section rehearsals for a 30-voice 8th grade choir.

St. Monica Middle School (Winter 2002) Kalamazoo, MI — General music, grades 7-8.

Developed curricula in music history, basic guitar, and voice performance/anatomy.

St. Monica Elementary School (Fall 2001) Kalamazoo, MI — General music, grades 1-4.

Developed a curriculum in basic music literacy. Assisted in conducting an elementary-wide Christmas concert, which included a 3rd-grade bell performance.

Mall City Chorus (2000-2002) Kalamazoo, MI

Vice President of Music & Performance (2001-2002). Scheduled performances, selected music, trained singers, and organized monthly meetings and long-term planning sessions.

Mall City Chorus (Continued)

Assistant Conductor (2001-2002). Directed warm-ups, planned rehearsals, provided music education experiences, and conducted concerts. Co-conducted a community-wide September 11th Memorial Chorus concert titled "United We Sing" at Kalamazoo's Bronson Park.

Youth Barbershop Festival Co-Chairman (2002). Arranged a barbershop festival for area high school and middle school males, featuring the International Medalist Quartet Power Play and SPEBSQSA music specialist Bill Rashleigh. Assisted the grant-writing process to cover all expenses.

Christmas Show Chairman & Co-Conductor (2001). Produced a Christmas charity concert with the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus for the benefit of Kalamazoo Senior Services.

Glendale Baptist Church (1997-2002) Paw Paw, MI

Minister of Music (1997-2002). Organized music at all church services. Selected, taught, wrote, and arranged music for the choir and praise team.

Youth Leader (1999-2002). Organized youth events for high school and middle school students.

Other Conventions, Workshops, & Experiences

Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) (August 2002) Detroit, MI

Participated in the GMWA Mass Choir and James Cleveland Chorale. Attended classes involving recording & production and public school gospel choirs (featuring Anthony Leach, past ACDA National R&S Chair, Ethnic and Multicultural Choirs).

Robert Schumann International Choral Competition (May 2002) Zwickau, Germany

Performed with the Western Michigan University Chorale, Grand Prize winners of the competition (Dr. Joe Miller, conductor). Performed German repertoire for German audiences and music coaches; received extensive German diction training. Visited historic music sites, including Mozart's birthplace, Wagner's opera house, Beethoven's summer home, and the city of Vienna.

CD Recording & Production (2001, 2002) Kalamazoo, MI

Produced, arranged, recorded, and edited two albums for gospel music artist Eric Gardner using digital recording equipment and computer music-editing software.

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Convention (2002, 2003) NYC

Attended concerts at historic concert halls, including a performance of Verdi's *Il Trovatore* at the Metropolitan Opera, and a concert featuring conductor and composer John Rutter at Carnegie Hall.

Honors & Awards

National Dean's List (2000-2002)

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (2002)

Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society (2003)

Member of the Year, Mall City Chorus (2000 & 2001)

Member of the Year, WMU Chapter of ACDA (2000)

Kalamazoo Scholars Award (1999-2003) Full scholarship for tuition & fees at WMU

