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EDUCATION

<i>Master of Music in Choral Conducting</i> University of Arizona • Tucson, Arizona	2025
<i>Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music and Vocal Performance</i> East Carolina University • Greenville, North Carolina	2022
<i>Associate in Fine Arts in Music</i> Lenoir Community College • Kinston, North Carolina	2020

CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

<i>Artistic Director, Conductor</i> Tucson Summer Chorus • Tucson, Arizona	2024 – Present
<i>Director of Music Ministries</i> Immanuel Presbyterian Church • Tucson, Arizona	2022 – Present
<i>Assistant Conductor</i> University Singers, University of Arizona • Tucson, Arizona	2024
<i>Assistant Conductor</i> Treble Glee, University of Arizona • Tucson, Arizona	2023 – 2024
<i>Director of Music Ministries</i> First United Methodist Church • Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina	2020 – 2022
<i>Music Director</i> Spilman Memorial Baptist Church • Kinston, North Carolina	2019 – 2021
<i>Choirmaster & Pianist</i> Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd • Salinas, California	2015 – 2017
<i>Music Director</i> Westminster United Methodist Church • Kinston, North Carolina	2014 – 2015
<i>Chancel Choir Director</i> Camp Ground United Methodist Church • Fayetteville, North Carolina	2012 – 2014
<i>Music Director</i> Sharon United Methodist Church • Kinston, North Carolina	2008 – 2012

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (HIGHLIGHTS)

<i>Lead Vocals, Keys, Guitars</i> <i>Dreams & Rumours: The Fleetwood Mac Experience</i> Clay Whittington Music & Entertainment • Tucson, Arizona	2025 – Present
<i>Lead Vocals, Keys</i> <i>Power of Love: The Best of Huey Lewis and the News</i> Every Era Entertainment • Tucson, Arizona	2025 – Present
<i>Producer, Entertainer</i> <i>Gaslight Dueling Pianos</i> Every Era Entertainment • Tucson, Arizona	2024 – Present
<i>Pianist, Vocalist</i> The Gaslight Theatre • Tucson, Arizona	2023 – Present
Role: <i>El Gallo</i> <i>The Fantasticks</i> East Carolina University Opera Theatre • Greenville, North Carolina	2020
<i>Lead Vocals, Keys</i> The British Invaders Band • Raleigh, North Carolina	2018 – 2020
<i>Piano Bar Entertainer</i> Carnival Cruise Line • Miami, Florida	2016 – 2018

PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES

“Come Sunday: Duke Ellington in Worship” (interest session) Presbyterian Association of Musicians Music & Worship Conference	2026
“Pipe Organ Essentials for Choral Conductors” (lecture) University of Arizona Choral Conducting Program	2025
“Jazz in Worship” (interest session) Arizona American Choral Directors Association Summer Conference	2025
“Kurt Weill” (lecture) University of Arizona Choral Literature Intensive	2025
“Kiddush by Kurt Weill” (review) <i>Choral Journal</i> , vol. 64, no. 8 (May 2024), p. 89 national publication of the American Choral Directors Association	2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP

American Choral Directors Association <i>Vice President, University of Arizona Graduate Chapter</i>	Member since 2009 2024 - 2025
American Guild of Organists <i>Communications Officer, East Carolina Chapter</i>	Member since 2018 2019 - 2022
National Association of Teachers of Singing	Member since 2020
Presbyterian Association of Musicians	Member since 2022
The Fellowship of Worship Artists	Member since 2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Arizona Scholarship Awards <i>Donald and Mary Ruth Shropshire Scholarship</i>	2023, 2024
<i>Merrylees W. Mayer Choral Scholarship</i>	2024
<i>John Bloom Choral Scholarship</i>	2024
<i>Bruce Chamberlain Endowed Scholarship</i>	2023
<i>Albert M. Haldeman Music Scholarship</i>	2023
<i>Lutheran Brotherhood Bach Scholarship</i>	2023
The Society of Pi Kappa Lambda Beta Zeta Chapter, East Carolina University	Inducted 2022
Magna Cum Laude Graduate East Carolina University	2022
Eagle Scout Boy Scouts of America, East Carolina Council, Troop 585	2005

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