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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

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

Darryl's Piano, Guelph, ON

- Private piano studio is open to all levels, ages 7 years and up;
- Teaching approach tailored to student's interests which can include preparation for RCM practical and theory exams, improvisation, chording, composing, or learning just for fun;
- All students encouraged to participate in June and December recitals as well as Kiwanis Music Festival;
- Strong emphasis placed on developing healthy technique and injury prevention;
- Personal experience with injury and extensive knowledge of the Dorothy M. Taubman Method.

Piano Teacher **Apr. 2015 – Dec. 2019**

City of Guelph, Guelph, ON

- Weekly piano instruction at Evergreen Seniors Community Centre;
- Students ages 55+ signed up for spring, summer, fall, and winter terms as part of the city's community recreation program;
- All levels of musical ability were welcomed. Some students were complete beginners while others had experience but may not have played in decades;
- Worked with the student to determine his or her short and long-term goals, guiding them in learning to read music they are fond of, theory, chord reading and improvisation.

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

- Following the standard European language curriculum, helped a 12-year-old boy develop grammar skills, vocabulary, and 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;
- Hired five Choral Scholars from the Memorial University Music Program to augment 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, rhythm building with flashcards, props, easy arrangements, theory, and improvisation;
- Students performed regularly in seasonal recitals.

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

- Accompanied rehearsals and performances. Choir directed by Dr. Douglas Dunsmore.

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

- Private accompanist for voice and instrumental students in the music program. Accompanied students for exams and recitals.

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

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

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

- Taught 'Undergraduate Choral Conducting I, MU2311' a 3-credit course with 34 students enrolled;
- Course designed to teach the basics 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 the professor outside of class.
- Was also Teaching Assistant for MU2311, MU2312 and Improvisation Ensemble Class, MU3518.

Opera 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.

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.