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EDUCATION

Shenandoah Conservatory, Shenandoah University Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Pedagogy Specialization: Voice Research Advisor & Applied Instructor: Dr. Lori Şen	2024-Present
New York University, School of Professional Studies Certificate in Vocology	2023-2024
The Ohio State University Master of Arts in Vocal Pedagogy Advisor & Applied Instructor: Dr. Scott McCoy (Retired) Master's Project: Anthology of Art Song for the Modern Day Singer Master of Music in Vocal Performance Advisor & Applied Instructor: Dr. Robin Rice (Voice Chair, Rice University) Honors: Outstanding Graduate Associate in Voice; 2018 Spring Commencement National Anthem & Alma Mater Performer	2016-2018
The Ohio State University Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance Honors: Concerto Competition Finalist (2014)	2012-2016
Columbus State Community College Associate of Arts Honors: <i>Cum Laude</i> , Man of the Year Award for Advancement and Leadership Excellence	2011-2012

WORKSHOPS & CONTINUING EDUCATION

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) 2024 Summer Intern	2024
Inclusive Pedagogy Academy Ohio University, Center for Teaching, Learning, & Assessment	2024
University of Wales, Voice Study Centre Certificate in Vocal Pedagogy with Distinction	2023
Estill Voice International Level One & Level Two Participant	2023
Boston Conservatory at Berklee Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop	2022
Boston Conservatory at Berklee Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop	2021
Shenandoah University, CCM Summer Institute The Fundamentals of Functional Training, Dr. Matt Edwards	2021
The Voice Studio, Kevin Wilson (Boston Conservatory) Teaching Musical Theatre Workshop	2021
Royal Conservatory of Music, RCM Elementary Piano Teacher Training	2021
Jess Baldwin Studio Teacher Development Circle	2021

Bullet Proof Musician, Dr. Noa Kageyama	2020
Performance Psychology Essentials for Educators	
Estill Voice International	2018
Level One Participation Certificate	

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ohio NATS Student Auditions	2025
Kyle Meadows	
1st Place Upper Division HS Commercial Music	
3rd Place Upper Division HS Musical Theater	
Dria Mogaka	
3rd Place Upper Division HS Musical Theater	
Emily DeAngelo	
Honorable Mention Upper Division HS Musical Theater	
Talitha Thomas	2024
3rd Place Lower Division Collegiate Musical Theater	
Violet Weida	
Honorable Mention Lower Division Collegiate Musical Theater	
Alexandro Ramirez-Nagy	2023
3rd Place Lower Division Collegiate Classical	

MERITS & AWARDS

National Association of Teachers of Singing, Summer Intern 2024	2024
Ohio University INVITE Faculty Fellow	2023-2025
Outstanding Graduate Associate in Voice	2018
Graduate Teaching Associate (Voice Area)	2016-2018
Graduate Administrative Associate (Voice Area)	2016-2018
Most Outstanding Achievement Award (Voice)	2015-2016
Lieutenant DeSelm Choral Fellowship	2015-2016
OSU Scholarship in Music	2015-2016
Aida Cannarsa Snow Award	2015-2016
OSU School of Music Alumni Scholarship	2015-2016
Brahms Cash Grant	2014-2016
Bliss Johnston Virargo Award	2014-2015
Helen Swank Voice Scholarship	2014-2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Otterbein University, Department of Music	2025
Lecturer of Commercial & Musical Theater Voice	
Ohio University, School of Music	2023-2025

Assistant Professor of Instruction in Classical, Commercial, Musical Theater Voice & Lyric Diction
 Coordinator of Musical Theater and Commercial Vocal Studies
 INVITE Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment

Ohio University, School of Music 2022-2023
 Adjunct Professor of Classical, Contemporary, and Musical Theatre Voice & Lyric Diction

Ohio University, School of Music 2021-2022
 Adjunct Professor of Musical Theatre Voice

Musicologie (Lewis Center), Lewis Center, OH 2019-2023
 Lead Teacher, Senior Voice & Piano Teacher, Musicologie Junior Teacher

Opera Columbus 2018-2020
 Resident Teaching Artist

The Ohio State University, School of Music 2016-2018
 Graduate Teaching Associate

Musicologie (Grandview), Columbus, OH 2016-2019
 Voice & Piano Teacher

Utopian Arts Summer Music Intensive, Bexley, OH 2014
 Audiation Intern Instructor

JTS Music Studio, Columbus, OH 2012-2016
 Private Voice, Piano, and Audiation Instructor

COLLEGIATE COURSES TAUGHT / FACILITATED

Ohio University, School of Music 2021-2025
 Commercial Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2023-2024)
 Musical Theatre Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2023-2024)
 Classical Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2023-2024)
 English Diction & IPA for Singers, Undergraduate (AU 2023)
 English Diction & IPA for Singers, Graduate (AU 2023)
 Vocal Skills Proficiency Examiner, Music Therapy Voice Principals
 Music Industry Essentials & Entrepreneurship, Honor's Tutorial (SP 2023)
 Musical Theatre Applied Voice, Graduate (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 Musical Theatre Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 Classical Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 Commercial Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 French for Singers, Undergraduate (SP 2023)
 French for Singers, Graduate (SP 2023)
 German for Singers, Undergraduate (AU 2022)
 German for Singers, Graduate (AU 2022)
 Classical Applied Voice (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 Essentials of Singing / English Diction & Freshman Applied Voice (AU 2022)
 Musical Theatre Applied Voice (AU/SP 2022-2023)
 Musical Theatre Applied Voice (AU/SP 2021-2022)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

The Swain Studio LLC, Upper Arlington, OH 2022-Present

Musicologie (Lewis Center), Lewis Center, OH 2019-2022
 Owner & Community Manager

Musicologie (Grandview), Columbus, OH Assistant Community Manager	2018-2019
The Ohio State University, School of Music Graduate Administrative Assistant	2016-2018
Columbus State Community College Music Lab Assistant	2011-2012

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Trinity United Methodist Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist	Columbus, OH 2025
Ohio University School of Music Carmina Burana, Baritone Soloist	Athens, OH 2025
First Community Presbyterian of Granville Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist	Granville, OH 2025
Peace for Arms Columbus, Hiroshima Memorial Concert Ohio Premiere of Three Black American Songs by Rocco DiPietro	Columbus, OH 2024
Ohio University School of Music Under the Elms Performance Series	Athens, OH 2024
Ohio University School of Music Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist	Athens, OH 2024
Swain Studio Gender Bend Cabaret Donkey Coffeehouse	Athens, OH 2023
Swain Studio Commercial Music Concert Donkey Coffeehouse	Athens, OH 2023
Napoli/Swain Duo Community Concert - Latitude 39	Athens, OH 2023
Mozart Coronation Mass, Bass Soloist Capriccio Columbus	Worthington, OH 2023
Napoli/Swain Duo Community Concert	Athens, OH 2023
Forgotten Vocal Works of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor OHIO University Faculty Recital	Athens, OH 2023
Opera Project Columbus I, Too, Sing America Part II	Columbus, OH 2023
Madeira Presbyterian Journey to the Birth of Jesus Soloist	Cincinnati, OH 2022
Napoli/Swain Duo Community Concert	Athens OH 2022,
Gender Swap Cabaret OHIO University Faculty Concert	Athens, OH 2022
A Little Summer Music Swain/Merryman Benefit Concert	Hilliard, OH 2022

Don't Tell Gretta / Opera Columbus Musical Theater Cabaret, PRIDE Concert	Columbus, OH 2022
Opera Columbus Vanqui: Davids, Ulysses	Columbus, OH 2022
Opera Columbus Fellow Travelers: Senator Joseph McCarthy, Interrogator, Estonian Frank	Columbus, OH 2022
Backstage at the Lincoln Theatre The Voice of Freedom	Columbus, OH 2022
Parent Diversity Network Featured Solo Artist	Powell, OH 2021
Denison University Wind Ensemble Last Breaths, Featured Guest Artist	Granville, OH 2021
Musicologie Scholarship Benefit Recital	Lewis Center, OH 2020
Opera Columbus Featured Artist, Voice of Freedom: Civil Rights	Columbus, OH 2020
Opera Columbus Twisted 3: Pinellino, Gianni Schicchi	Columbus, OH 2019
Clintonville Community Choir / Orchestra Bass Soloist: Schubert Mass in G	Clintonville, OH 2019
Opera Columbus Arnold Classic, National Anthem & Armed Forces Medley Performer	Columbus, OH 2019
Opera Project Columbus Columbus Italian Festival Featured Artist	Columbus, OH 2018
The Ohio State University Commencement Performer	Columbus, OH 2018
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre Candide: Maximilian, Ship Captain	Columbus, OH 2018
Opera Columbus Orphée et Eurydice: Digital Chorus	Columbus, OH 2018
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre World Premiere Performance, Ramala: Land of Misty Water: Aedeta	Columbus OH 2017
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre Sixteen by Sondheim Cabaret, Scenes	Columbus, OH 2017
Pelotonia / Opera Columbus National Anthem Soloist	Columbus, OH 2017
Opera Project Columbus Gianni Schicchi: Maestro Spinelloccio	Columbus, OH 2017
Opera Columbus, Education Outreach Program The Magic Flute: Papageno	Columbus, OH 2017
New Albany Symphony Orchestra Featured Guest Artist	New Albany, OH 2016

Opera Columbus Sibylla Society Recital	Worthington, OH 2016
Opera Columbus Impresario Holiday Concert	Columbus, OH 2016
Opera Columbus, Opera On The Edge La Bohème: Marcello	Columbus, OH 2016
Opera Columbus La Traviata: Baron Duophol	Columbus, OH 2016
Opera Columbus Impresario Recital	Columbus, OH 2016
Opera Project Columbus Concert Version World Premiere, Angel of the Amazon: Chorus	Columbus, OH 2016
Opera Columbus La Bohème: Chorus	Columbus, OH 2016
The Ohio State University Wind Symphony Featured Guest Soloist	Columbus, OH 2016
The Ohio State University "An Evening of English Art Song"	Columbus, OH 2016
The Ohio State University, Chorale World Premiere, Of a Smile's Echo: Soloist	Columbus, OH 2015
Harmony Project Columbus Featured Guest Artist	Columbus, OH 2015
Opera Columbus, Education Outreach Program Little Red's Most Unusual Day: Mr. BigBad	Columbus, OH 2015
Ohio Wesleyan University Guest Bass Chamber Soloist	Delaware, OH 2014
The Ohio State University, School of Music Opera Lyric Theatre The Rape of Lucretia: Junius (Cover)	Columbus, OH 2014
The Ohio State University, School of Music Opera Lyric Theatre Midsummer Night's Dream: Demetrius	Columbus, OH 2014
Opera Project Columbus Columbus Italian Festival, Featured Artist	Columbus, OH 2014

MASTERCLASSES

NATS Intern Program, Florida State University Mike Ruckles Vocal Masterclass	2024
NATS Intern Program, Florida State University Donna Loewy Finzi Vocal Masterclass	2024
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop, Kevin Wilson	2022
The Ohio State University School of Music Randall Scarlata Vocal Masterclass	2016

The Ohio State University School of Music Ed Bak Piano & Vocal Masterclass	2016
The Ohio State University School of Music NATS Vocal Masterclass, Dr. Robin Rice	2015
The Ohio State University School of Music Sankt Goar International Vocal Masterclass	2014

GUEST LECTURES & CLINICIAN WORK

University of Notre Dame Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy Methods	2024
Ohio University School of Music Summer Music Academy – Voice Division Director & Choral Director	2024
Columbus State Community College Vocal Health & Hygiene, Guest Clinician	2023
Thomas Worthington High School - Worthington, OH Guest Clinician - Diction & Choral Voice Pedagogy	2023
OHIO University School of Music Summer Music Academy – Voice Instructor & Choral Director	2023
The Empowered Singer Summer Musical Theater Intensive Voice & Vocal Health Instructor	2023
The Ohio State University School of Music Vocal Health & Maintenance Workshop Prof. Ed Bak, Class Voice	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
The Ohio State University School of Music Career Options & Mentorship Guest Lecturer Dr. Laura Portune & Dr. C. Andrew Blosser	2018, 2020

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA COVERAGE

WBNS 10TV, Columbus, OH - Featured Story Ohio University Music Educator Details Experience Growing up in Hilltop URL: https://www.10tv.com/article/entertainment/music/black-history-month-music-education-justin-swain/530-57ba2313-9e64-4776-8e0f-c38d1b954c2e	2023
Athens News, Athens, OH – Featured Story It Ain't Over 'Til Justin Sings URL: https://www.athensnews.com/culture/it-aint-over-til-justin-sings/article_5db24366-ac69-11ed-9e6d-cf94c98b1726.html	2023
Great Teachers on Great Singing, J. Robin Rice, D.M.A. 2017 Content Editor Digitally transcribed vocal exercises and formatted each into appropriate files for inclusion in first edition of book by esteemed Professor of Voice at Rice University, J. Robin Rice.	2016-2017
IPA Resource Center Founder, Webmaster, Content Creator	2015-Present

Founded a free resource website for aspiring singers of classical music and provided digital content for download by website visitors to assist in authentic language pronunciation in singing.

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Ohio Music Teacher Association (OMTA) State Conference Presentation "Updating Your Bio - Presenting Your Best Self To the Community and the World" Justin T. Swain	2023
The Swain Studio - Virtual Presentation Vocal Health & Hygiene for Singers and Actors	2023
The Empowered Singer, Summer Musical Theater Intensive Vocal Health, Hygiene, and Pathologies	2023
OHIO University Summer Music Academy Vocal Health Presentation; Auditioning for Collegiate Programs Presentation; Intro to Diction	2023

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Popular Music Education (APME) Member	2022-Present
Black Classical Music Educators (BCME) Member	2020-Present
Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society Alpha Rho Chapter Member	2018-Present
NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Professional Member & Past Intern	2018-Present
PAVA (Pan American Vocology Association) Full Member	2023-Present
PAVA (Pan American Vocology Association) Student Member	2018-2020
OSU SNATS (The Ohio State University Students NATS) Founder & President	2017-2018
MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) Ohio MTA (Ohio Music Teachers Association) Active Member, Central East District	2015-Present

SERVICE

National Association of Teachers of Singing Ohio Chapter Board Member	2025-Present
Student Organization Advisor: Tempotantum Acapella Ohio University	2024-2025
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INVITE Faculty Fellow Ohio University, Center for Teaching, Learning, & Assessment	2022-2025