

# Justin T. Swain

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## EDUCATION

Shenandoah Conservatory, Shenandoah University Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Pedagogy Specialization: Voice Research Advisor & Applied Instructor: Dr. Lori Sen	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	2016-2018
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	
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

## JTS 2

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 Virago 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 Adjunct Professor of Classical, Contemporary, and Musical Theatre Voice & Lyric Diction	2022-2023
Ohio University, School of Music Adjunct Professor of Musical Theatre Voice	2021-2022
Musicologie (Lewis Center), Lewis Center, OH Lead Teacher, Senior Voice & Piano Teacher, Musicologie Junior Teacher	2019-2023
Opera Columbus Resident Teaching Artist	2018-2020
The Ohio State University, School of Music Graduate Teaching Associate	2016-2018
Musicologie (Grandview), Columbus, OH Voice & Piano Teacher	2016-2019
Utopian Arts Summer Music Intensive, Bexley, OH Audiation Intern Instructor	2014
JTS Music Studio, Columbus, OH Private Voice, Piano, and Audiation Instructor	2012-2016

**COLLEGIATE COURSES TAUGHT / FACILITATED**

Ohio University, School of Music Commercial Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU/SP 2023-2024)	2021-2025
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 Owner & Community Manager	2019-2022

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	Columbus, OH 2022
Musical Theater Cabaret, PRIDE Concert	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2022
Vanqui: Davids, Ulysses	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2022
Fellow Travelers: Senator Joseph McCarthy, Interrogator, Estonian Frank	
Backstage at the Lincoln Theatre	Columbus, OH 2022
The Voice of Freedom	
Parent Diversity Network	Powell, OH 2021
Featured Solo Artist	
Denison University Wind Ensemble	Granville, OH 2021
Last Breaths, Featured Guest Artist	
Musicologie	Lewis Center, OH 2020
Scholarship Benefit Recital	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2020
Featured Artist, Voice of Freedom: Civil Rights	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2019
Twisted 3: Pinellino, Gianni Schicchi	
Clintonville Community Choir / Orchestra	Clintonville, OH 2019
Bass Soloist: Schubert Mass in G	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2019
Arnold Classic, National Anthem & Armed Forces Medley Performer	
Opera Project Columbus	Columbus, OH 2018
Columbus Italian Festival Featured Artist	
The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH 2018
Commencement Performer	
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre	Columbus, OH 2018
Candide: Maximilian, Ship Captain	
Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2018
Orphée et Eurydice: Digital Chorus	
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre	Columbus OH 2017
World Premiere Performance, Ramala: Land of Misty Water: Aedeta	
The Ohio State University, School of Music Lyric Opera Theatre	Columbus, OH 2017
Sixteen by Sondheim Cabaret, Scenes	
Pelotonia / Opera Columbus	Columbus, OH 2017
National Anthem Soloist	
Opera Project Columbus	Columbus, OH 2017
Gianni Schicchi: Maestro Spinellocchio	
Opera Columbus, Education Outreach Program	Columbus, OH 2017
The Magic Flute: Papageno	
New Albany Symphony Orchestra	New Albany, OH 2016
Featured Guest Artist	

Opera Columbus Sibylia 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: <a href="https://www.10tv.com/article/entertainment/music/black-history-month-music-education-justin-swain/530-57ba2313-9e64-4776-8e0f-c38d1b954c2e">https://www.10tv.com/article/entertainment/music/black-history-month-music-education-justin-swain/530-57ba2313-9e64-4776-8e0f-c38d1b954c2e</a>	2023
Athens News, Athens, OH – Featured Story It Ain’t Over ‘Til Justin Sings URL: <a href="https://www.athensnews.com/culture/it-aint-over-til-justin-sings/article_5db24366-ac69-11ed-9e6d-cf94c98b1726.html">https://www.athensnews.com/culture/it-aint-over-til-justin-sings/article_5db24366-ac69-11ed-9e6d-cf94c98b1726.html</a>	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)	2023
State Conference Presentation	
"Updating Your Bio - Presenting Your Best Self To the Community and the World" Justin T. Swain	
The Swain Studio - Virtual Presentation	2023
Vocal Health & Hygiene for Singers and Actors	
The Empowered Singer, Summer Musical Theater Intensive	2023
Vocal Health, Hygiene, and Pathologies	
OHIO University Summer Music Academy	2023
Vocal Health Presentation; Auditioning for Collegiate Programs Presentation; Intro to Diction	

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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

**SERVICE**

National Association of Teachers of Singing	2025-Present
Ohio Chapter Board Member	
Student Organization Advisor: Tempotantrum Acapella	2024-2025
Ohio University	
Student Organization Advisor: Dynamics Acapella	2021-2025
Ohio University	
INVITE Faculty Fellow	2022-2025
Ohio University, Center for Teaching, Learning, & Assessment	