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EDUCATION

Shenandoah Conservatory, Shenandoah University — 2024-Present
Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Pedagogy
Specialization: Voice Research
Advisor & Applied Instructor: Dr. Lori Şen

New York University, School of Professional Studies — 2023-2024
Certificate in Vocology

The Ohio State University — 2016-2018
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

The Ohio State University — 2012-2016
Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance
Honors: Concerto Competition Finalist (2014)

Columbus State Community College — 2011-2012
Associate of Arts
Honors: *Cum Laude*, Man of the Year Award for Advancement and Leadership Excellence

WORKSHOPS & CONTINUING EDUCATION

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) — 2024
2024 Summer Intern

Inclusive Pedagogy Academy — 2024
Ohio University, Center for Teaching, Learning, & Assessment

University of Wales, Voice Study Centre — 2023
Certificate in Vocal Pedagogy with Distinction

Estill Voice International — 2023
Level One & Level Two Participant

Boston Conservatory at Berklee — 2022
Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop

Boston Conservatory at Berklee — 2021
Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop

Shenandoah University, CCM Summer Institute — 2021
The Fundamentals of Functional Training, Dr. Matt Edwards

The Voice Studio, Kevin Wilson (Boston Conservatory) — 2021
Teaching Musical Theatre Workshop

Royal Conservatory of Music, RCM — 2021
Elementary Piano Teacher Training

Jess Baldwin Studio — 2021
Teacher Development Circle

Bullet Proof Musician, Dr. Noa Kageyama — 2020
Performance Psychology Essentials for Educators

Estill Voice International — 2018
Level One Participation Certificate

STUDENT SUCCESS

The Jimmy Awards — 2026
Zeke Moses
Top 20 Male Character Medley Participant
Semifinalist, Best Actor in a Leading Role

CAPA Marquee Awards — 2026
Zeke Moses
Winner, Best Actor in a Leading Role

Kyle Meadows
Finalist, Best Actor in a Leading Role

Broadway Dreams — 2026
Dria Mogaka
4-Year Full-Tuition Scholarship
Millikin University Broadway Dreams Scholarship

Dria Mogaka
Broadway Dreams Summer Intensive Full-Tuition Scholarship

Zeke Moses
Broadway Dreams Summer Intensive Full-Tuition Scholarship

Jamie Bridenbaugh
Broadway Dreams Summer Intensive Half-Tuition Scholarship

CAPA Marquee Awards — 2025
Kyle Meadows
Finalist, Best Actor in a Leading Role

Kayden Greco
Finalist, Best Actress in a Leading Role

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

The Swain Studio — 2025-Present
Master Instructor of Voice & Vocal Pedagogy

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

Otterbein University, Department of Music — 2025
Commercial Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU 2025)
Musical Theater Applied Voice, Undergraduate (AU 2025)

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 — 2018-2019
Assistant Community Manager

The Ohio State University, School of Music — 2016-2018
Graduate Administrative Assistant

Columbus State Community College — 2011-2012
Music Lab Assistant

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Trinity United Methodist — Columbus, OH 2025
Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist

Ohio University School of Music — Athens, OH 2025
Carmina Burana, Baritone Soloist

First Community Presbyterian of Granville — Granville, OH 2025
Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist

Peace for Arms Columbus, Hiroshima Memorial Concert — Columbus, OH 2024
Ohio Premiere of Three Black American Songs by Rocco DiPietro

Ohio University School of Music — Athens, OH 2024
Under the Elms Performance Series

Ohio University School of Music — Athens, OH 2024
Fauré Requiem, Baritone Soloist

Swain Studio Gender Bend Cabaret — Athens, OH 2023
Donkey Coffeehouse

Swain Studio Commercial Music Concert — Athens, OH 2023
Donkey Coffeehouse

Napoli/Swain Duo — Athens, OH 2023
Community Concert - Latitude 39

Mozart Coronation Mass, Bass Soloist — Worthington, OH 2023
Capriccio Columbus

Napoli/Swain Duo — Athens, OH 2023
Community Concert

Forgotten Vocal Works of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor — Athens, OH 2023
OHIO University Faculty Recital

Opera Project Columbus — Columbus, OH 2023
I, Too, Sing America Part II

Madeira Presbyterian — Cincinnati, OH 2022
Journey to the Birth of Jesus Soloist

Napoli/Swain Duo — Athens OH 2022,
Community Concert

Gender Swap Cabaret — Athens, OH 2022
OHIO University Faculty Concert

A Little Summer Music — Hilliard, OH 2022
Swain/Merryman Benefit Concert

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 Spinelloccio

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 — Worthington, OH 2016
Sibylia Society Recital

Opera Columbus — Columbus, OH 2016
Impresario Holiday Concert

Opera Columbus, Opera On The Edge — Columbus, OH 2016
La Bohème: Marcello

Opera Columbus — Columbus, OH 2016
La Traviata: Baron Duophol

Opera Columbus — Columbus, OH 2016
Impresario Recital

Opera Project Columbus — Columbus, OH 2016
Concert Version World Premiere, Angel of the Amazon: Chorus

Opera Columbus — Columbus, OH 2016
La Bohème: Chorus

The Ohio State University Wind Symphony — Columbus, OH 2016
Featured Guest Soloist

The Ohio State University — Columbus, OH 2016
"An Evening of English Art Song"

The Ohio State University, Chorale — Columbus, OH 2015
World Premiere, Of a Smile's Echo: Soloist

Harmony Project Columbus — Columbus, OH 2015
Featured Guest Artist

Opera Columbus, Education Outreach Program — Columbus, OH 2015
Little Red's Most Unusual Day: Mr. BigBad

Ohio Wesleyan University — Delaware, OH 2014
Guest Bass Chamber Soloist

The Ohio State University, School of Music Opera Lyric Theatre — Columbus, OH 2014
The Rape of Lucretia: Junius (Cover)

The Ohio State University, School of Music Opera Lyric Theatre — Columbus, OH 2014
Midsummer Night's Dream: Demetrius

Opera Project Columbus — Columbus, OH 2014
Columbus Italian Festival, Featured Artist

MASTERCLASSES

NATS Intern Program, Florida State University — 2024
Mike Ruckles Vocal Masterclass

NATS Intern Program, Florida State University — 2024
Donna Loewy Finzi Vocal Masterclass

The Boston Conservatory at Berklee — 2022
Vocal Pedagogy Professional Workshop, Kevin Wilson

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2016
Randall Scarlata Vocal Masterclass

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2016
Ed Bak Piano & Vocal Masterclass

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2015
NATS Vocal Masterclass, Dr. Robin Rice

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2014
Sankt Goar International Vocal Masterclass

GUEST LECTURES & CLINICIAN WORK

Shenandoah University — 2026
Voice Studio Business Management Guest Lecturer

Harper Creek High School, Battle Creek, MI — 2026
Vocal Masterclass Guest Clinician

Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, OH — 2026
Guest Clinician - Diction & Choral Vocal Pedagogy

University of Wisconsin Stevens Point — 2025
Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy Methods Guest Lecturer

University of Notre Dame — 2025
Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy Methods Guest Lecturer

Ohio University School of Music — 2025
Performance Lab Guest Presenter: Voice Studio Management

Olentangy Orange High School — 2025
Jazz Choir & Contemporary Acapella Ensemble Guest Clinician

Ohio University School of Music — 2024
Summer Music Academy – Voice Division Director & Choral Director

Columbus State Community College — 2023
Vocal Health & Hygiene, Guest Clinician

Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, OH — 2023
Guest Clinician - Diction & Choral Voice Pedagogy

OHIO University School of Music — 2023
Summer Music Academy – Voice Instructor & Choral Director

The Empowered Singer Summer Musical Theater Intensive — 2023
Voice & Vocal Health Instructor

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Vocal Health & Maintenance Workshop
Prof. Ed Bak, Class Voice

The Ohio State University School of Music — 2018, 2020
Career Options & Mentorship Guest Lecturer
Dr. Laura Portune & Dr. C. Andrew Blosser

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA COVERAGE

WBNS 10TV, Columbus, OH - Featured Story — 2023
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

Athens News, Athens, OH – Featured Story — 2023
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

Great Teachers on Great Singing, J. Robin Rice, D.M.A. 2017 — 2016-2017
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.

IPA Resource Center — 2015-Present
Founder, Webmaster, Content Creator
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

Northwest Voice Conference, Seattle Washington — 2026
Paper Presentation Co-Presenter
“Beyond Bel Canto: Culturally Responsive Language in the Voice Studio”

Ohio NATS Chapter Spring Meeting — 2026
Building A Sustainable Voice Studio: Lessons from a Working Music School

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

SNATS Chapter Faculty Advisor — 2024-2025
Ohio University

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