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## Education

Master of Arts in Music - Choral Conducting and Organ Webster University, St. Louis, MO	2015
Bachelor of Music - Organ Performance Webster University, St. Louis, MO	2013

## Principal Teachers

Robert Ayllón, voice	Trent Patterson, conducting
Joe Neske, collaborative piano	Carolbeth True, jazz piano
William Partridge, organ	

## Current Employment

<b>Adjunct Faculty, Collaborative Piano - Webster University</b>	<b>April 2023</b>
• Play for weekly voice lessons for students in the Department of Music and Conservatory of Theatre Arts	
• Provide weekly private coaching to students in performance-focused degree programs	
• Play for juries and masterclasses, as needed	

<b>Collaborative Pianist - Mascoutah High School</b>	<b>December 2019</b>
• Accompanist for four choirs performing in classical, jazz, pop/commercial styles	
• Play for three choral concerts and respective dress rehearsals per year	

<b>Independent Contractor - Diocese of Belleville</b>	<b>September 2015</b>
• Serve as organist and/or choirmaster for diocesan liturgies, as needed	
• Annual Priests' Convocation: 2015-present	
• Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: 2017-2019, 2021	

- Ordination to the Priesthood/Diaconate: 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023
- Ordination and Installation of the Most Reverend Michael McGovern: 2020

**Director of Liturgy and Music - St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church**

## September 2015

- Director of the Parish Choir (Age 14+)
- Director of the Cherub (grades 1-4) and Treble Choirs (grades 5-8)
- Coordinate Advent Concert, Epiphany Concert, and Choral Stations of the Cross, as needed
- Principal organist for all parish Sunday liturgies, Holy Days, weddings, and funerals
- Oversee parish music budget, music library, and maintenance of parish instruments and AV systems
- Coordinator for concerts given by choral and instrumental ensembles from various universities and performing groups from within the community
- Oversee the formation and training of 450+ liturgical ministers, including annual formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, and an annual choir retreat
- Oversaw design and installation of new church sound system and fellowship hall AV system (2023)
- Established livestream ministry (2020) and oversaw the design and installation of the livestream system
- Established Sacristan and Junior Sacristan ministries (2019, 2020)

## **Assistant Conductor - Bach Society of St. Louis**

**August 2013**

- Participate as a regular member of the chorus for all rehearsals and performances
- Facilitator of warm-ups and sectional rehearsals, as needed
- Artistic advisor to the conductor concerning matters such as repertoire, musical personnel, venues, soloists
- Rehearsal Critiquing - attend dress rehearsals, including those with orchestra, to critically evaluate performance factors such as blend, diction, balance, and articulation
- Cover Conductor - be prepared to conduct the Bach Society Chorus in rehearsal or performance in the conductor's absence
- Conduct the Bach Society Chorus and Orchestra, 2-3 selections per concert
- Music Director for Annual Gala (2019-present)
- Music Director for Bach at the Bistro Cabaret (2019, 2024)

## Past Employment

## **Director of Music and Organist - St. Mary Catholic Church, Alton IL**

2014-2015

- Director of the Parish Choir
- Principal organist for all parish Sunday liturgies, Holy Days, school liturgies, weddings and funerals
- Trainer of parish cantors
- Plan and execute new parish hymnal program (November 2014)
- Lecturer on Sacred Music for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program
- Overseer of parish music budget, music library, and maintenance of parish instruments
- Supervisor for part time musicians employed by the parish

**Interim Organist - Webster Hills United Methodist Church. January 2014-March 2014**

- Principal organist for all worship services
- Chancel Choir accompanist for rehearsals (as needed) and worship services
- Attend weekly meetings with Director of Music Ministry

**COCA (Center of Creative Arts)****2013-2015**

- Vocal Music Instructor for musical theatre classes (song study, auditioning, vocal technique)
- Summer Camp instructor for musical theatre camps

**Webster University - Graduate Assistant****2013-2015**

- Maintain the Webster University Choral Library
- Serve as Concert Manager for all university choral concerts
- Serve as Assistant Conductor for the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers
- Conduct rehearsals and performances as needed
- Serve as Assistant Conductor and Collaborative Pianist for the Women's Chorus
- Assist with undergraduate choral conducting classes
- Fulfill administrative tasks as assigned by the Director of Choral Studies

**Organist and Choirmaster - Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church****2012-2014**

- Director of the Parish Choir
- Principal organist for all parish Sunday liturgies, Holy Days, school liturgies, weddings and funerals
- Founder and Director of the parish children's choir
- Member of the Liturgy Committee
- Responsible for re-cataloging the choral library

**Director of Music - St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church****2011-2012**

- Director of the St. Martin of Tours Choir
- Principal organist for all parish Sunday liturgies, Holy Days, school liturgies, weddings and funerals
- Member of the Liturgy Committee

**Belleville Township High School West - Choral Department****2009-2012**

- Accompanist for seven choirs for winter and spring concerts, and other choral events throughout the year
- Assistant Conductor for rehearsals and sectionals
- Vocal Coach for students who participated in Solo & Ensemble contests, and auditioned for IMEA or other extracurricular ensembles
- Assistant rehearsal accompanist for the spring musical

**Coordinator of Music - St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church****2008-2011**

- Director of the St. Teresa Parish Choir
- Director of the Contemporary Choir
- Coordinator for all parish liturgies
- Artistic director of the annual Lenten concert, Journey to Calvary
- Organist for all parish weddings and funerals
- Member of the Liturgy Committee
- Coordinator for concerts given by choral and instrumental ensembles from different universities and performing groups from within the community

**Performance**

Performance Pianist - Into the Woods - Union Avenue Opera, St. Louis, MO	August 2024
Rehearsal & Performance Pianist - Les Misérables - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	June 2024
Music Director and Pianist - "Bach at the Bistro" - Bach Society/Jazz St. Louis	May 2024
Rehearsal & Performance Pianist - West Side Story - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	July 2023
Performance Pianist - Beauty and the Beast - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	June 2023
Music Director - Spring is in the Ayre - Annual Gala - Bach Society of St. Louis	March 2023
Performance Pianist - Side By Side By Sondheim Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	February 2023
Pianist - This One's For the Women - Jamie Eros, solo cabaret	July 2022
Music Director - A Fool's Fete - Annual Gala - Bach Society of St. Louis	April 2022
Organ Recital - Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, IL	March 2022
Pianist - Everything's Fine - Mark Saunders, solo cabaret	January 2020
Rehearsal and Performance Pianist - ILMEA District VI Festival	November 2019
Organ Recital - Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO	October 2019
Music Director and Pianist - "A Classical Cabaret" - Bach Society/Jazz St. Louis	May 2019
Director of the St. Louis Festival Singers (Sistine Chapel Choir Performance) Fox Theatre, St. Louis, MO	July 2018

Sub Keyboardist - "An American in Paris" - Fox Theatre, St. Louis, MO	January 2017
Rehearsal Pianist - "Fiddler on the Roof" - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	July 2016
Performance Keyboardist - "Mama Mia" - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	July 2016
Rehearsal Pianist - "Wizard of Oz" - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	June 2016
Performance Pianist - "Beauty and the Beast" - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	August 2015
Rehearsal and Performance Pianist - "Hairspray" - The Muny, St. Louis, MO	June 2015
Organ Recital - Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO	April 2015
Choirmaster - AGO Festival Evensong - Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO	September 2014
Organ Recital - First Presbyterian Church, Ferguson, MO	September 2013
Staff Chorus Member - St. Louis Symphony Chorus	2013-2015
Performance Keyboardist - "Annie Get Your Gun" - Kirkwood Theatre Guild	May 2014
Organ Recital - Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO	May 2013
Senior Recital - Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO	April 2013
Organ Recital - King of Kings Lutheran Church, Chesterfield, MO	February 2013
Organ Recital - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Chicago, IL	June 2012
Junior Recital - Christ Church Cathedral	April 2012
Music Director - Rent - Southwestern Illinois College Theatre	Summer 2010
Rehearsal & Performance Pianist for "25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee" Blackburn College - Carlinville, IL	Spring 2009

## Special Skills

**Diction Study** - English, German, Italian, Latin, Spanish

### **International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)**

#### **Software Proficiency**

Adobe InDesign  
Finale Music Notation Software  
ForScore  
Garage Band  
iWork Suite (Pages, Numbers, Keynote)  
Macintosh Operating System  
Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)  
Ministry Scheduler Pro  
OBS Streaming Software  
Windows Operating System

## Professional Memberships

American Choral Directors Association  
American Federation of Musicians, Local 2-197 - St. Louis, MO  
American Federation of Pueri Cantores  
American Guild of Organists - St. Louis Chapter  
Chorus America  
Church Music Association of America  
National Association of Pastoral Musicians - St. Louis Chapter

## Other Experience and Accomplishments

- Illinois ACDA District VI Representative - January 2024-present
- Communications Committee - International Federation of Pueri Cantores - 2022-present
- Performance Committee - AGO 2026 Convention in St. Louis - 2022-present
- Executive Committee Member - American Guild of Organists, St. Louis Chapter - 2014-2017
- Sub-Dean and Program Committee Chair - American Guild of Organists, St. Louis Chapter - 2012-2014
- Vice President - Philharmonic Society of Belleville, Executive Board - 2010-2013
- Producer, director, and music director for community theatre productions - 2008-2013
- Eagle Scout - Boy Scouts of America - 2005

## References

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