

Education & Certification

M.A., Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY (12/18)

Music Education with a focus on multiple woodwind performance and pedagogy

B.M., State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam, Crane School of Music, Potsdam, NY (5/14)

Major: Music Education; Concentration: Special Music Education

Performance Concentration: **Clarinet**; Studio of Raphael P. Sanders

Grade Point Average: 3.77

NYS Certification: Initial - Music K-12

Honors & Affiliations

Certificate in Performance from Crane School of Music

Rocque F. Dominick Memorial Award

- Awarded for recognition as the outstanding senior clarinetist who has upheld the ideals of the Crane School of Music

Phi Mu Alpha (ΦMA) Sinfonia Fraternity (Active from 2/11-5/14)

- Offices held: Alumni Relations Officer, Community Service Chair

Experience

Music Education Experience

Music Teacher, Three Village School District, NY (9/14-present)

- 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Band Director at R.C. Murphy Junior High School (RCM)
- General Music at Three Village Academy – a program designed to provide an alternative education for students with troubled home lives and unique social/educational needs
- Special Education general music at Ward Melville High School (9/14-5/15)
- Clubs: Tri-M Music Honor Society, RCM Jazz Band, and RCM Wind Ensemble

Private Instrumental Lesson Teacher, Northport, NY (9/14-9/18)

- Independent contractor at Grace Music School with a studio of over 20 woodwind, brass, and piano students ranging from 2nd grade to 12th grade

Student Teacher, Brentwood and Farmingdale, NY (9/13-12/13)

- Taught K-7 general music at Farmingdale School District
- Taught high school band lessons and ran band rehearsals at Brentwood High School

Collegiate Practicum Experience, Potsdam and Canton, NY (1/14-5/14)

- Music in two self-contained classrooms at Potsdam Schools (K-3rd and 9th-12th)
- Saxophone Lessons to adult learners in the New Horizons Band Program
- 4th grade general music class at St. Mary's School, Canton NY

Music Related Leadership Experience

Festival Chairperson, SCMEA All-County Div. II East Band (9/16-3/17)

- Responsible for selection of students in the ensemble and the conductor, distribution of music, organizing the auditions, and facilitating the rehearsals and concert

Conductor and Director, East Islip High School Alumni Orchestra (9/16-1/17)

- Organized and conducted a massive reunion concert of over 130 EI alumni from graduating classes as far back as 1983 to surprise and honor a retiring orchestra teacher (Susan Rydzeski) and raise money for the Rydzeski Scholarship (\$1600 raised)
- Facilitated rehearsal locations and schedule, distributed music, ran rehearsals, and conducted the concert (Video: <https://vimeo.com/198494561/7a30d08917>)

Music Director, Music Theatre Organization (MTO), Potsdam, NY (1/14-4/14)

- Responsible for auditions and casting, teaching music and running rehearsals for vocal company and pit orchestra, conducting the performances, and collaborating with other members of the production staff such as director, choreographers, lighting designer, and set designers (*Legally Blonde*)

Music Related Leadership Experience (cont'd)

Head Librarian, Crane School of Music Band Library, Potsdam, NY (9/12-5/13)

- Responsible for the organization and distribution of over 2000 music scores that are used by the three wind bands of the Crane School of Music in addition to the Northern Symphonic Winds, Potsdam Community Band, and local high school bands
- Specifically appointed to the position by Director of Bands at Crane School of Music

Professional Performing Experience

Contracted Pit Musician, College Light Opera Company (CLOC), Falmouth, MA (6/13-8/13)

- Member of 18-piece select pit orchestra
- Performed 9 different shows (54 performances) through the ten-week contract
- Developed strong doubling capabilities on Flute, Clarinet (Eb, Bb, Bass), SATB Sax
- Developed strong sight-reading skills through the rigorous schedule demands that only allowed for one week of rehearsal before each opening night
- Genres from the summer program included operas, operettas, and musicals

Short Term Pit Orchestra Contracts

- *Oliver*, Murphy JHS, Three Village Schools (3/17)
- *Little Mermaid*, Murphy JHS, Three Village Schools (3/16)
- *A Chorus Line*, POTR Inc. (6/16)
- *Mary Poppins*, Murphy JHS, Three Village Schools (3/15)
- Performance Resume for full list of shows can be provided at your request

Non-Music Related Leadership Experience

Youth Ministry Director at St. Peter the Apostle RC Church, Islip Terrace NY (9/16-present)

Volunteer Referee at St. John of God Roller Hockey League (9/15-present)

Additional Work Experience

Summer and school year jobs (1/05-9/14) have included Hallmark Gold Crown sales associate, Waldbaums supermarket cashier, maintenance position at Hecksher State Park Pool, Photographer's Assistant for MTM Photography, and Sacristan at St. Peter the Apostle Church

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