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Skills Summary

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Vast experience in teaching groups and individuals
- Extensive knowledge and implementation of touring with children's, teen and adult choruses
- Strong knowledge of the theory and techniques required to compose, arrange, and perform choral works
- Ability to develop positive working relationships with Board members, volunteers, accompanists, singers, and community members
- Extensive experience in using and teaching Sibelius music-writing program
- Fluency on Microsoft WORD, EXCEL and POWERPOINT

EDUCATION

- Certified as a CASA, Lancaster, PA
- Ordination, Interfaith Minister, The New Seminary, New York, NY
- M.A. Interdisciplinary Arts, State University of New York, Brockport, NY
- B.A. Music Education, Millersville University, Millersville, PA
- Manheim Township High School, Neffsville, PA

AFFILIATIONS

- 2022 Member Emeritus, Greater Rochester Choral Consortium
- 2017 Inducted as a Friend of Sigma Alpha Iota, Rochester, NY
- 2013 – 2021 Secretary, Greater Rochester Choral Consortium
- 2011 – 2021 Member, Greater Rochester Choral Consortium
- 1998 – present Member, American Choral Directors Association
- 1998 – 2013 Member, Chorus America

AWARDS and PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Distinguished alumna award, Manheim Township School District, Lancaster, PA
- 2021 Article in American Choral Directors Association national publication <https://acda-publications.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/CJ/September2021/SienkiewiczSep21.pdf>
- 2010 Golden Apple Teacher Award, channel 8, Rochester NY
- 2010 Chorus America Journal, Summer issue "Three Women Choral Conductors"

EDUCATOR

- 2019 Guest Clinician, PEAK festival, Spencerport High School
- 2007 Trained soloist for GEVA Theater, Rochester, NY
- 28 years Teacher, Brockport Central Schools, Brockport, NY
 - 2007-2009 Music Department Chair
 - Taught Advanced Placement Music Theory, Music Theory One, Chorus, Piano, General Music
- 35 years Private Piano/Voice studio
- Lecturer/Presenter on Children's Choirs (Queens College, Houghton College, Millersville University)

PERFORMER

Choral Director

- 2019, 2018, 2017, 2022 opened for Rockettes Radio City Music Hall, New York, NY with Amadeus Chorale, Robert Dean Chorale and the Darla Bair Singers Project Choir
- Frequent Guest Conductor for All-County Chorus Festivals throughout New York and Methodist Cluster Choir Festivals, Rochester, NY
- 2014 – 2022 Artistic Director, Robert Dean Chorale, Spencerport, NY
- 2002 – 2012 Trained singers to sing for General Colin Powell, Rudolph Giuliani, Madeline Albright, and Prime Minister John Major
- Trained singers to perform with
 - 2014 The Chieftains, Rochester, NY
 - 2014 New York State Ballet, *Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - 2007 Dr. Ronan Tynan, Irish Tenor, CMAC, Canandaigua, NY
 - 2007, 2005 Rochester Philharmonic OrKIDstra programs

- 2001, "Wright's Lessons" with composer William Cahn, performed at the opening of the New York State School Music Association's winter conference.
Spotify: "Nexus Wright's Lessons"
- Trained singers to sing and use sign language for the National Anthem
 - 2016 Madison Square Garden, New York, NY
 - 2011 Buffalo Bills NFL, Buffalo, NY
- Trained singers to record for
 - 2010 Composer Cary Ratcliff, opera *Eleni* (Rochester, NY)
 - 2003 Composer Elizabeth Alexander, "Those Who Wish to Sing" (St. Paul, MN)
 - 2003 Composer Nick Page, "Fantasy on Two English Carols" (Boston, MA)
- 1996 - 2021 Founder and Artistic Director, Amadeus Chorale
- 1978 – 2004 Music Director, United Methodist Churches, Spencerport and Brockport, NY

Voice Actor

- 2016 Narrated "Midsummer Night's Dream" New York State Ballet Company, Rochester, NY
- 2015 Narrated "Peter Pan" New York State Ballet Company
- 2001 Narrated "Wright's Lessons" for composer Dr. William Cahn, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY Spotify: "Nexus Wright's Lessons"

Theater Conductor

- Pit Orchestra for *Sound of Music*, Spencerport HS, Spencerport, NY
- Pit Orchestra for *Guys and Dolls*, Towpath Players, Spencerport, NY
- Vocal Director and Pit Keyboard *How to Eat Like a Child* Towpath Players, Spencerport, NY
- Vocal Director and Pit Keyboard *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Towpath Players, Spencerport, NY

Composer/arranger

- 2022 Arranged music for Darla Bair Singers Project Choir, Radio City
- 2021 Arranged, accompanied and produced Robert Dean Chorale's

- “Patriotic Medley” video
- 2021 Arranged and produced “Amadeus Chorale’s 25th Anniversary” Amadeus Chorale Youth Singers
- 2020 Arranged and produced music video “Healing Love of Christmas” Robert Dean Chorale
- 2012 Composed “Labyrinth Walking Meditation” CD
- Wrote script, composed music, and directed three dinner theatre fund raisers for churches

Music Video Producer

- 2021 Robert Dean Chorale “Patriotic Medley”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEJY-fK0U5s&t=16s&ab_channel=GaiomaGaioma
- 2021 Amadeus Chorale 25th Anniversary
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoADuq-5WrA&ab_channel=TheAmadeusChorale
- 2020 “Healing Love of Christmas” Robert Dean Chorale
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7u9H1TGaps8&t=52s&ab_channel=DarlaBair
- 2020 “We Sing for the Children” Amadeus Chorale
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53e4s75gUuY&ab_channel=DarlaBair
- 2018 “Silent Night” Amadeus Chorale Youth Singers
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwxv6HscBWg&ab_channel=DarlaBair
- 2017 “Fair Warning” Amadeus Chorale
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=123U3UD8azYzo3Kzaj4kStl4HiOTi30Nu>
- 2011 “Sir Duke” Amadeus Chorale
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huiOkiFamy4&ab_channel=AmadeusChorale
- 2011 “15th Anniversary” Amadeus Chorale
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBqkQYbCVZI&ab_channel=AmadeusChorale

Author

- 2019 Wrote, narrated and published forty-five YouTube lessons for children on World Religions www.gaiomaswisdom.com
- 2012 “More than Ho, Ho, Ho” Memoirs of William Bair’s days as Santa
- 2009 “Singing Families” a music activities book for homeschooling families CD enclosed
- 2007 “Teaching Music Theory through Christmas Songs”
- 2008 “Gingerbread Manor B&B Recipes and True Stories”

ORDAINED CLERGY

Director Calm in the Chaos Interfaith Center 2015 - present

- Organized a Board of Directors, obtained the legal documents and created the Calm in the Chaos Interfaith Center
www.calminthechaos.org
- Programmed and executed
 - 2021 – present publish weekly GODtalk on YouTube
 - 2015 – 2018 Supper and Soul – monthly gathering of meal, speakers and dialogue for LGBTQ community
 - Classes in spiritual wellness, writing curriculum and teaching
 - Prayer workshops, BookShare, retreats

Wedding Officiant/Planner

- 2015 – present Wedding Officiant www.calminthechaos.org/weddings
- Ten years New York Director for National Association of Certified Wedding Consultants