

LaVada K. Torzewski

OBJECTIVE

To teach music to young people using innovative strategies whereby they may fully experience its beauty, realize their musical potential, and to ultimately help them develop as active learners and contributing members of the community.

EXPERIENCE

- Substitute Music Teacher & Accompanist**, Waupaca, Stevens Point, & Iola School Districts WI 9/07-Present
- Taught general music (K-6) using standards-based curriculum (Silver Burdett, MacMillan/McGraw)
 - Conducted for choir, strings, and band classes (grades 6-12)
 - Led private & group classes for voice, piano/keyboard, and guitar
 - Vocal coached students for Solo-Ensemble; several continuing to state-level event
 - Played piano for choir rehearsals and concerts
- Summer School Music Teacher**, Mosinee School District, WI 6/07-7/07
- Taught general music classes (grades K-8)
 - Developed a compact, standards-based four week curriculum
- Student Teacher**, Cherry Creek School District, CO 3/07-5/07
- Taught and conducted choir classes (grades 9-12) at Grandview High School
 - Generated daily and unit lesson plans
 - Developed and proctored achievement tests
 - Provided one-on-one instruction to advanced piano students in keyboard lab
- Music Director Chapel Service**, Cherry Hills Community Church; Highlands Ranch, CO 9/06-5/07
- Assisted in the design/development of this new chapel service from its inception
 - Provided consultation to instrumentalists and vocal ensembles
 - Led rehearsals, sound checks, and chapel services
- Student Teacher**, Adams County School District 12, CO 1/07-2/07
- Taught general music for all classes at Mountain View Elementary (K-5)
 - Utilized Orff-Schulwerk and Kodaly educational techniques for ensemble/class activities
- Field Experience**, Rishel Middle School, Denver Public School District 9/05-12/05
- Aided classroom teacher in lesson preparation
 - Taught and conducted at choir rehearsals and concerts
 - Led sectionals for beginning strings and orchestra classes
- Music Director**, New Beginnings Community Church; Denver, CO 5/05-8/06
- Led all congregational and special music for church services
 - Directed mid-week rehearsals with vocalists and instrumentalists
 - Produced and scored musical arrangements for special events
 - Designed & maintained website for distribution of scores/materials to performers
- Assistant Choral Director**, Colorado Community Church; Englewood, CO 7/03-5/05
- Conductor for choir/ensemble performances
 - Assisted with vocal rehearsals: directing, accompanying, and leading sectionals
 - Coordinated all musical details for services and special events
 - Prepared rehearsal / performance packets for distribution to performers
- Composer, Vocal Artist, & Producer** for several recording projects 6/95-12/05
- Latest CD (pub. 2005): "Remember Emmanuel" – product available upon request
- Backup Vocalist for Professional Artists** Various Event Dates
- Shania Twain – 2003, Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre
 - Chieftains – 2002, Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Systems Engineer - Senior, Lockheed Martin Corporation, CA/CO

6/86-12/03

- Developed training program for military use and maintenance of a complex data processing, analysis and reporting system
- Systems analyst for THAAD Missile Program
- Task Force Chairman for C4/D5 Trident missile flight tests
- Presented departmental findings to management and Navy representatives

Youth Leader, Park Victoria Baptist Church, Milpitas, CA (Jr. High / HS),

9/92-2/95

EDUCATION

Metropolitan State College, Denver

Bachelor of Music Education (BME), Choral Emphasis, K-12 Licensure, May 2007

GPA 4.0/4.0 - Summa Cum Laude

San Jose State University

BA in Mathematics, with a Concentration in Computer Science, December 1986

CERTIFICATIONS

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Initial Educator, July 2007

Licenses: 511 (Choral Music), 515 (General Music)

SKILLS

- **Language:** Working knowledge of Spanish
- **Instruments:** Piano, guitar, violin/viola
- **Music Technology:** FINALE annotation software, SMART Rehearsal program, ProTools Recording Suite
- **Computer:** Dreamweaver (Web Development), Excel, Project, Access (DB Management), Word, PowerPoint, C / C++ programming

HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Music Educator's National Conference (MENC)
- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)
- President's Honor Roll, Metropolitan State College of Denver (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Summer 2006)
- Membership nominee for Kappa Delta Pi (world-wide educational honor society)

REFERENCES

- Casey Danielson, General Music & Band Instructor, Iola-Scandinavia School District, WI
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715-570-6328
- Elizabeth Kysely, Summer School Principal, Mosinee School District, WI
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- Gail Sindelar, Performing Arts Coordinator, Grandview High School, Aurora, CO
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- Nathan Johnson, Music Director, Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, CO
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RECENT SUBSTITUTE MUSIC TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- Laurel Leder, Choral / General Music Instructor, Waupaca Middle School, (W) 715-258-4140
- Chuck Fritz, Choral / General Music Instructor, Iola-Scandinavia Schools, (C) 715-412-1070
- Connie Spencer, General / Instrumental Instructor, Plover Whiting Elementary (W) 715-345-5424
- Kevin Morissey, Choral / General Music Instructor, SPASH & Jefferson Elementary (W) 715-345-5633
- Janice Lehr, Band Instructor, Iola-Scandinavia Schools, (W) 715-445-2411
- Laura Haugen, Choral / Instrumental Instructor, Ben Franklin Jr. High, 715-345-5413
- Lynn Michael, General Music Instructor, Waupaca Learning Center (W) 715-258-4141
- Sue Mawbey, Choral / Instrumental Instructor, P.J. Jacobs Jr. High (W) 715-345-5422