

Kate Johnston - Resumé

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Values and Belief Statements

As performer and educator, my efforts are focused on bringing communities together to celebrate live performances of the arts in a world of increasingly isolated consumption. Through the discipline and performance of music and other performing arts, students discover unique aspects of themselves that imbue the rest of their endeavors with confidence. I am passionate about the value of having performing arts delivered in public schools and our communities as an essential component to nurturing the whole person.

Professional Achievements - Current & Recent Work

Walter Payton College Prep HS

- 2012 – Present: Director of Choirs – Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced 180+ students enrolled
- 2012 – Present: Director of “Sounds of Sweetness” 32-voice men’s a Capella ensemble
- 2012 – Present: Musical & Stage Director for musical theater productions, revues, and major works

UIC College Prep HS (Noble Network Charter School) – Founding Teacher

- 2011 – 12th Grade Instructional Chair, UIC College Prep High School
- 2011 – 12th Grade Advisory Chair, UIC College Prep High School
- 2009 – 2012, Founding Music Department Chair, UIC College Prep High School
- 2008 – Present, engaged Northwestern University Neuroscience Lab in a longitudinal study of cognitive development in teen brains in subjects studying music and ROTC as a part of the academic curriculum.

Organizations Established

- Broadway Gems program to encourage musical theater at Payton, Chicago, IL
- Founded Varsity Singers - UIC College Prep, Chicago, IL
- Founded and directed Invitational Choir Festival at Lincoln American International School to collaborate with bi-lingual high school choirs in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Founder and performer, “Brown Bag Concerts” - Pueblo, CO (ongoing)
- Co-founder, Olympic Boys Choir, Port Orchard, WA
- Founded Northwest Academy of Fine Arts, combined computer lab/private piano.
- Co-founder of Columbia Children’s Choirs, Bellevue, WA.

Publications & Presentations

- 2016 Presenter: Universidad Nacional de las Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 Co-author, “High School Classes Enhance the Neural Processing of Speech”. *Frontiers in Educational Psychology*.
- 2007 – Presenter, “The Temporal Community: The Multi-Dimensional Way Arts Shape Us as Human Beings”, 13th Annual Conference on Thinking in Norrköping, Sweden
- 2007 – Led Cultural Event Evening bringing conference participants together as *Choir in the Square*, 13th Annual Conference on Thinking in Norrköping, Sweden
- 1985 – 2001 – Authored articles published in *Computer and Music Educator*, *Music Teacher’s National Association Journal*, and *Pueblo Chieftain*.
- 1989 – Edited education software articles for *Music Teacher’s National Association Journal*.
- 1989 – Coordinated technology symposium for National Music Teacher’s National Association Convention, Kansas City, KS

Curriculum Design

- Designed college readiness standards for four-year music sequence at UIC College Prep that aligns and supports core subject areas.
- Collaborator on K-12 Music Scope and Sequence for Lincoln American International School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Designed and implemented music theory curriculum sequence incorporating Apple 2GS software, Pitch Master, and Tap Master for Temporal Acuity Products, Seattle, WA.

Other Projects

- Prepared and conducted soloists, choruses, and pit orchestras for 20 main-stage productions.
- Incorporated various participants (soloists, children's choir, local instrumentalists, etc.) to create and conduct a unique community event for First Night Evanston.
- Piano accompanist for major European and American concert tours with Columbia Children's Choirs.

Recent Professional Development

- 2017 American Choral Director's Association National Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Choral Conductors Workshop with Rod Eichenberger, July 13 – 17 – selected as performance conductor at final concert.
- 2015 AP Music Theory Training – Rice University, Houston TX
- 2014 Kodaly Level I Certification – DePaul University
- 2014 American Choral Director's Association Eastern Division Conference – Baltimore, MD
- 2011 Illinois Music Educator's Conference, Peoria, IL
- 2011 American Choral Director's National Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Sibelius, The Cloud, and Music Education, VanderCook College of Music, Chicago, IL
- 2008, 2009, 2010 "Five Dysfunctions of a Team", *Teamwork training, Chicago, IL*
- 2007 International Conference on Thinking, Norrköping, Sweden
Presenter, cultural event leader, and participant
- 2006 *The Question is the Answer: Smart Uses of New Technologies for Thinking and Problem Solving*, Jamie McKenzie, presenter, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2006, 2007 XI & XII Encuentro Coro Internacional de Niños y Jovenes, Corrientes, Argentina
- 2006 Universidad San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina:
Assessment: A Tool for Improving Teaching and Learning
- 2003, 2006 American Choral Director's Association Summer Retreat, Illinois

Relevant Employment History & Leadership

2018	Planned and led 49 students/9 chaperones on a choir tour to Iceland
2016	Planned and led 36 students/6 chaperones on a choir tour in Buenos Aires, Argentina
2012 – Present	Walter Payton College Preparatory School, <i>Chicago, IL</i> <i>Director of Choirs and Musical Theater</i>
2008 – 2012	UIC College Prep High School, <i>Chicago Illinois</i> <i>Founding Music Educator, Choirs & Music Department Chair</i> <i>12th Grade Instructional Chair, 12th Grade Advisory Chair</i>
<i>Prior to 2012</i>	Lincoln American International School, <i>Buenos Aires, Argentina</i> <i>Director of High School and Middle School Choirs</i> Chicago Waldorf School, <i>Chicago, IL</i> <i>Director of Choruses and Music Department Chair – Grades 2 – 12</i> Music Institute of Chicago, <i>Evanston, IL</i> <i>Director of Children's Choruses and Chorus summer camps</i> Music Institute of Chicago, <i>Evanston, IL</i> <i>Rehearsal & Concert Accompanist - Adult Chorale</i> Ascension Episcopal Church, <i>Pueblo, CO</i> <i>Organist/Choirmaster - Adult Chancel Choir and Children's Choir</i> Pueblo Summer Fine Arts Academy, <i>Pueblo, CO</i> <i>Instructor, Piano and Music Theory</i> Olympic Boys Choir, <i>Port Orchard, WA</i> <i>Founder and Co-Director</i> Northwest Academy of Fine Arts, <i>Seattle, WA</i>

Relevant Employment History & Leadership continued . . .

Temporal Acuity Products, *Bellevue, WA*
Consultant: Curriculum design for sequencing music education software
Columbia Boys Choir, *Bellevue, WA*
Concert Choir Accompanist, Training Choir Director,
Preparatory Choir Curriculum Design
Northwest Boys Choir, *Seattle, WA*
Preparatory Instructor
Seattle Pacific University, *Seattle, WA*
Adjunct Professor; Piano and Music Theory

Community Leadership

2008 – 2016 President, Ridgewood Condominium Association, *Chicago, IL*
Oversaw all aspects of maintenance and funds distributions for 26-unit building

Education

AP Music Theory College Board Certification	Rice University
Kodaly Level I Certification	DePaul University
Illinois State Teacher Certification, (<i>Music K – 12</i>)	Northern Illinois University
Master of Arts, <i>piano - Magna Cum Laude</i>	Boston University
Student of Bela Boszormenyi-Nagy, <i>piano professor</i>	
Bachelor of Arts, <i>piano - Magna Cum Laude</i>	Seattle Pacific University
Marcile Mack, Daniel Pollack, Bela Boszormenyi-Nagy, <i>piano professors</i>	

Honors and Awards

2014 – 2016 Students selected for Illinois District 1 Regional Choir and Illinois All State Choir
Students selected for All State Musical Theater productions
2013 – 2017 Superior & Honors Superior Ratings for All-City Choral Festival
2011 Chicago Tribune article featured as one of their “Remarkable Women”
2009 – Received \$10,000 Grant for Broadway Project at UIC College Prep, 2010 (now an annual gift)
1996 – present – *Kate Johnston Music Award*: awarded annually to a volunteer who assists in furthering music education at South Colby Elementary School, Port Orchard, Washington.

References

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