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Opera/Theatre Experience

Role	Work	Conductor/Director	Organization	Year
Brühlmann †	<i>Werther</i> (Massenet)	Johannes Debus Alain Gauthier	Canadian Opera Company	2026
Figaro (<i>Ensemble Studio show</i>) †	<i>Il barbiere di Siviglia</i> (Rossini)	Daniela Candillari Joan Font	COC	2026
Marullo/Usher (<i>cover</i>) †	<i>Rigoletto</i> (Verdi)	Johannes Debus Christopher Alden	COC	2026
Paris †	<i>Roméo et Juliette</i> (Gounod)	Yves Abel Amy Lane	COC	2025
Mercutio (<i>role study</i>) †	<i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Yves Abel Amy Lane	COC	2025
Top	<i>The Tender Land</i> (Copland)	Jennifer Tung Mabel Wonacott	Toronto City Opera	2025
Boaz	<i>Ruth</i> (Ron Beckett)	Ron Beckett	Arcady Ensemble	2025
Guglielmo	<i>Così fan tutte</i> (Mozart)	Sandra Horst Anna Theodosakis	UofT Opera	2025
Chester Massey**	<i>An Actor Prepares</i> (Ashley Seward)	Sandra Horst Mario Pacheco	UofT Opera Student Composer Collective	2025
Prospero	<i>Tempest Songbook</i> (Sariaaho)	Sandra Horst Tim Albery	UofT Opera	2024
Bartley	<i>Riders to the Sea</i> (Vaughan Williams)	Russell Braun Tim Albery	UofT Opera	2024
King Alcinous	<i>Castaway</i> (Berkeley)	Sandra Horst Tim Albery	UofT Opera	2024
Figaro	<i>Il barbiere di Siviglia</i> (Rossini)	Gordon Gerrard Richard Margison	Highlands Opera Studio	2024
CRA Form**	<i>Tax Opera</i> (Rebecca Gray)	Rebecca Gray	Highlands Opera Studio	2024

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Bird**	<i>Indians on Vacation</i> (Ian Cusson)	Sandra Horst Yvette Nolan	Banff Centre for Performing Arts and Creativity	2024
Pandolfe	<i>Cendrillon</i> (Massenet)	Sandra Horst Maria Lamont	UofT Opera	2024
Le Dancaïre/ Moralès	<i>Carmen</i> (Bizet)	Sabatino Vacca Gregory Finney	Southern Ontario Lyric Opera	2024
Bird/Oz/ Eugene**	<i>Indians on Vacation</i> (workshop)	Sandra Horst	UofT Opera	2024
Atlas**	<i>Lysistrata</i> (various)	Sandra Horst Mabel Wonnacott	UofT Opera Student Composer Collective	2024
Il Caporale	<i>Il cappello di paglia di Firenze</i> (Nino Rota)	Russell Braun Jennifer Tarver	UofT Opera	2023
Count Almaviva*/ Beaumarchais*	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i> (Mozart)/ <i>The Ghosts of Versailles</i> (Corigliano)	Sandra Horst Mabel Wonnacott	UofT Opera	2023
Billy Bigelow	<i>Carousel</i> (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Sabatino Vacca Lori Distel	Cambridge Symphony Orchestra	2023
Soloist	<i>Ein deutsches Requiem</i> (Brahms)	Michael Schmidt	Symphony in the Barn	2023
Marcello*	<i>La bohème</i> (Puccini)	Kate Carver	Opera Laurier	2023
John Brooke	<i>Little Women</i> (Mark Adamo)	Kira Omelchenko Dana Fradkin	Opera Laurier	2023
Barone Douphol/ Dottore Grenvil	<i>La traviata</i> (Verdi)	Andrei Feher Daniel Isengart	Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony	2023
Germont*/ Dottore Grenvil	<i>La traviata</i>	Kate Carver Kimberly Barber	Opera Laurier	2022
Calico Jack Rackman**	<i>Borderless</i> (Ashley Seward)	Emily Hamper Alaina Viau	Opera Laurier	2022
Figaro*	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	Spencer Sweet	Wilfrid Laurier University	2022
Geôlier/Thierry/ Javelinot/2nd Commissioner/ Marquis (u/s)	<i>Dialogues des Carmélites</i> (Poulenc)	Emily Hamper Paul Hopkins	Opera Laurier	2021
Demetrius*	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> (Britten)	Emily Hamper Paul Hopkins	Opera Laurier	2020

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Baker***	<i>Into the Woods</i> (Sondheim)	Chris Clarke Shaina Weatherhead	Laurier Musical Theatre	2020
Sir Robin	<i>Monty Python's Spamalot</i> (Idle)	Fiona Douglas Jeff Daniels	Royal City Musical Productions Inc.	2018
Giuseppe Palmieri	<i>The Gondoliers</i> (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Matt Teeter Jane Martin	Guelph Little Theatre	2017
Tin Man	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (Arlen)	Karen Allen Jenn Rodrigues	Royal City Musical Productions Inc.	2016

Concert Experience

Role	Work	Conductor	Organization	Year
Soloist †	<i>Messiah</i> (Handel)	Charlene Pauls	Guelph Chamber Choir	2025
Soloist †	<i>Messiah</i>	Hugh Van Pelt	Choral Connection	2025
Soloist †	Oratorio de Noël (Saint-Saëns)	Ronald Beckett	Arcady Ensemble	2025
Soloist †	<i>Messiah</i>	Ron Ka Ming Cheung	Grand River Chorus	2025
Soloist †	<i>Messiah</i>	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2025
Soloist †	Requiem (Mozart)	Ron Ka Ming Cheung	Grand River Chorus	2025
Soloist	Mass in G Minor (J.S. Bach)	Patrick Murray	Chor Amica	2025
Soloist	Sing with One Voice	Gord Burnett	Guelph Male Choir	2025
Soloist	<i>Matthäus-Passion</i> (J.S. Bach): Jesus cover	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2025
Soloist	Cantata No. 105 (J.S. Bach)	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2025
Soloist	<i>Messiah</i>	Jonathan Hunse	Woodland Concert Choir	2024
Soloist	<i>Messiah</i>	Ronald Beckett	Arcady Ensemble	2024

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Soloist	<i>Messiah</i>	Ron Ka Ming Cheung	Grand River Chorus	2024
Soloist	Requiem (Fauré)	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2024
Soloist	Ascension Oratorio (J.S. Bach)	Jonathan Liebich	New Song (Port Perry) Chancel Choir	2024
Soloist	Cantata No. 9 (J.S. Bach)	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2024
Soloist	Cantata No. 155 (J.S. Bach)	Timothy Dawson/ Mark Fewer	Kingston Road Village Concert Series	2024
Soloist	Requiem (Fauré)	Mark Vuorinen	Musicians of the KW Symphony	2024
Anthem Singer	Laurier Convocation Ceremonies	N/A	Wilfrid Laurier University	2023
Soloist	<i>Ein deutsches Requiem</i> (Brahms)	Michael Schmidt	Symphony in the Barn	2023
Soloist	<i>Messiah</i> (Handel)	Brandon Leis	Menno Singers	2022
Soloist	Requiem (Duruflé)	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2022
Soloist	<i>I once beheld on earth celestial graces**</i> (Justin Lapierre)	N/A	Wilfrid Laurier University	2021
Soloist [^]	Grand Mass in C Minor (Mozart)	Lee Willingham	Laurier Singers/Laurier Symphony Orchestra	2020
Soloist	<i>Messiah</i>	Jonathan Hunse	Woodland Concert Choir	2019
Soloist	<i>A Baroque Christmas</i> (concert series)	Andrei Feher	KW Symphony	2019

Conducting/Music Direction Experience

Role	Work	Company	Year
Artistic Director/ Conductor	<i>The Gatherers**</i> (Justin Lapierre) / <i>Miserere</i> in C minor (Zelenka)	Independent Ensemble	2025
Music Director/ Conductor	<i>Legally Blonde</i> (O'Keefe)	Royal City Musical Productions Inc.	2025

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Music Director †	<i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i> (Lambert/Morrison)	Woodland CHS	2025
Music Director/ Pianist	<i>Spotlight Spectacular</i> (Cabaret Show)	Centrestage Kids	2024
Artistic Director/ Conductor	<i>One Thousand Shields of Gold**</i> (Justin Lapierre) / <i>Requiem</i> (Fauré)	Independent Ensemble	2024
Music Director/ Piano-Conductor	<i>Company</i> (Sondheim)	Downtown Theatre Project	2023
Artistic Director/ Conductor	<i>Stabat Mater**</i> (Lapierre) / <i>Gloria</i> (Vivaldi)	Independent Ensemble	2023
Music Director/ Conductor	<i>Cabaret</i> (Kander & Ebb)	Royal City Musical Productions Inc.	2023
Assistant Conductor	<i>Requiem</i> (Duruflé)	Stratford Concert Choir	2023
Music Director/ Pianist	<i>In View – The Lyrics of Gord Downie**</i>	Downtown Theatre Project	2023
Vocal Director	<i>Matilda</i> (Tim Minchin)	Royal City Musical Productions Inc.	2022
Music Director/ Piano-Conductor	<i>The Last Five Years</i> (Jason Robert Brown)	Downtown Theatre Project	2022
Artistic Director/ Conductor	<i>Messe de Ste. Anne**</i> (Lapierre) / <i>Regina coeli</i> , K 108 (Mozart) / <i>BWV 150</i> (J.S. Bach)	Independent Ensemble	2022
Conductor	<i>Masquerade Suite</i> (Khachaturian)	Laurier Symphony Orchestra	2021
Conductor	<i>Matthäus-Passion*</i> (J.S. Bach)	Wilfrid Laurier University	2021
Music Director	<i>Connecting... **</i> (devised production)	Curtain Call Productions	2021
Conductor	<i>Requiem*</i> (Fauré)	Wilfrid Laurier University	2020
Music Director^	<i>Into the Woods</i> (Sondheim)	Curtain Call Productions	2020
Music Director	<i>Crazy for You</i> (Gershwin)	Woodland CHS	2020
Music Director/ Conductor	<i>13 the Musical</i> (Jason Robert Brown)	Guelph Little Theatre	2019

Recital Experience

Recital	Collaborators	Location	Year
Songs of Travel	Kyeongok Kim (piano)	University of Toronto	2024

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DMA Collaborative Piano Competition Winner Recital	Helen Becqué (piano) Emily Rocha (soprano)	University of Toronto	2024
Timeless to Me (musical theatre recital)	Xander Bechard (tenor) Henry Kelsey (piano)	Silence (<i>Guelph</i>) Parkminster United Church (<i>Waterloo</i>) St. Andrew's United Church (<i>Chatham</i>)	2023
Celebrating Summer	Olivia Haramis (soprano) Ann Murdocca (clarinet) Sophie Kim (piano)	Martin Luther Chapel (<i>Waterloo</i>)	2022
Through a glass darkly (graduation recital)	Lorin Shalanko (piano)	Wilfrid Laurier University	2022

Choral Experience

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Festival of Carols	Mark Vuorinen	Elora Singers	2024
The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Peter-Anthony Togni) **	Lydia Adams	Elmer Iseler Singers / Elora Singers	2024
The Creation (Haydn)	Mark Vuorinen	Elora Festival	2024
Maiden, Mystic, Myths, and Memories	Mark Vuorinen	Elora Singers	2024
Vespers: BWV 109 (J. S. Bach)	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2024
Messiah (Handel)	Evan Mitchell	Brott Festival	2023
Messiah	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2023
Messiah	Ronald Beckett	Arcady Ensemble	2023
Vespers: BWV 80 / Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied (J.S. Bach)	Kenneth Hull	Spiritus Ensemble	2023
La traviata (Verdi)	Alain Trudel	Brott Opera	2023
Messiah	Howard Dyck	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2022
Elijah (Mendelssohn)	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2022
The Psalm Project (Mike Janzen)	N/A	Elora Singers	2022
Mass in B Minor (J.S. Bach)	Mark Vuorinen	Elora Festival	2022
Ein deutsches Requiem (Brahms) ^	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2020

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Stabat Mater (Rossini)	Andrei Feher	Grand Philharmonic Choir/ KW Symphony	2020
Messiah	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2019
Candide (Bernstein)	Mark Vuorinen	Grand Philharmonic Choir	2019
Mass in G Major (Schubert)	Lee Willingham	Laurier Singers	2019
Carmen (Bizet)	Andrei Feher	Laurier Singers/KW Symphony	2019
Requiem (Fauré)	Markus Howard	Guelph Symphony Orchestra	2018

Education/Training

Canadian Opera Company (2025-2027)

Ensemble Studio

University of Toronto (2023-2025)

Master of Music – Operatic Performance

Wilfrid Laurier University (2018-2022)

Honours Bachelor of Music – Voice Performance

Voice Training/Coaching

- **Voice Training:** Wendy Nielsen, Alain Coulombe, Leslie Fagan, Marion Samuel-Stevens
- **Lessons:** Jason Ferrante, Brett Polegato, Claudia Visca, Rudolf Piernay, Russell Braun, Karen Slack, Daniel Lichti, Daniel Cabena, Richard Margison
- **Coaching:** Kate Carver, Rachel Andrist, Emily Hamper, Lorin Shalanko, Anna Ronai, Holly Kroeker, Frances Armstrong, Vlad Soloviev, Stéphane Mayer, Christine Bae, Spencer Kryzanowski

Piano Training

- Heather Taves, Leslie De'Ath, Sharon Putt
- Royal Conservatory of Music
 - 2017: Grade Ten Piano (First Class Honours)
 - 2015: Grade Nine Piano (First Class Honours with Distinction)

Selected Masterclasses & Training Programs

- **Masterclass:** David Bowser/Monica Whicher (2025)
- **Masterclass:** Lisette Oropesa (2024)
- **Masterclass:** Marion Newman (2024)
- **Masterclass:** Richard Margison (2024)
- **Masterclass:** Benjamin Butterfield (2024)
- **Masterclass:** Will Crutchfield (2024)

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- **Masterclass:** David Bowser/Nathalie Paulin (2024)
- **Masterclass:** Gino Quilico (2023)
- **Masterclass:** Tyler Duncan (2021)
- **Highlands Opera Studio: Il barbiere di Siviglia** (2024)
 - Richard Margison, Gordon Gerrard, Valerie Kuinka, Frances Armstrong, Stéphane Mayer, Vlad Soloviev
- **Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity: Indians on Vacation/The Handmaid's Tale** (2024)
 - Joel Ivany, Megumi Masaki, Ian Cusson, Royce Vavrek, Yvette Nolan, Sandra Horst, Jason Ferrante, Holly Kroeker
- **European Music Institute Vienna: Lied, Oratorium, Oper** (2022)
 - Rudolf Piernay, Marcin Koziel
- **Elora Festival Training Program in Solo and Ensemble Singing** (2022/24)
 - Lawrence Wiliford, Tyler Duncan, Benjamin Butterfield, Mark Vuorinen, Erika Switzer, Anna Ronai, Daniel Cabena
- **Stratford Summer Music: Art Song Vocal Academy** (2021)
 - Phillip Addis, Nathalie Paulin, Emily Hamper

Scholarships & Awards

Outstanding Vocal Direction Award	Royal City Musical Productions	2025
2nd Prize Winner: Toronto Mozart Vocal Competition	The Mozart Project	2025
Stephen Ralls Operatic Scholarship	University of Toronto	2024
Regan Grant Memorial Scholarship	University of Toronto	2024
John & Margaret Eros Memorial Scholarship	University of Toronto	2024
Finalist: Toronto Mozart Vocal Competition	The Mozart Project	2024
Finalist: Jim & Charlotte Norcop Prize in Song	University of Toronto	2023
Robert and Joan Lederer Scholarship	University of Toronto	2023
Victor Braun Memorial Scholarship	University of Toronto	2023/24
Clive and Sue Mortimer Scholarship	University of Toronto	2023
Doreen Polegato Memorial Scholarship	University of Toronto	2023
Grant: Music Production & Presentation Project <i>(Lapierre Stabat Mater – world première)</i>	Ontario Arts Council	2023
Kay McKie Memorial Award for Artistic Excellence	Royal City Musical Productions	2023
Laurier Alumni Gold Medal <i>(highest academic achievement in the Faculty of Music)</i>	Wilfrid Laurier University	2022
Daniel Lichti Award for International Study in Music	Wilfrid Laurier University	2022
Dorothy M. Elliott Performance Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2022
Arthur Wilkinson Award <i>(for outstanding musical direction)</i>	Guelph Little Theatre	2022
GUA Highly Commended Paper <i>(“My old friend, the sea”: Fin-de-siècle aesthetic influence in Debussy’s La mer)</i>	Global Undergraduate Awards	2021
Bursary – Stratford Summer Music Academy	Art Song Foundation of Canada	2021
Concerto Competition Winner	Wilfrid Laurier University	2021
Ulrich S. Leupold Music Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2021
Myron Gottlieb Music Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2020
W. J. Pitcher Music Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2019
President’s Gold Academic Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2018-22
Ross and Doris Dixon Music Scholarship	Wilfrid Laurier University	2018-22
Governor General’s Academic Medal <i>(highest average upon secondary school graduation)</i>	Government of Canada	2018

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First Place: Senior Musical Theatre Student of the Year	Ontario Music Festivals Association	2018
Choral Excellence Award	Woodland Christian High School	2018
Honour Award	Woodland Christian High School	2018
Finalist: Senior Piano	MusicFest Canada	2017
Scholarship Recipient	Ontario Music Festivals Association	2015
	Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph	2013-18

Work Experience

Church Music Director (2021-2025)

- New Life Christian Reformed Church (Guelph)

Piano/Voice Teacher and Collaborative Pianist (2015-present)

- Piano and voice instruction
- Accompaniment and coaching for choirs, festivals, weddings, competitions, recitals, and auditions

Stratford Concert Choir (2023)

- Apprentice Conductor (Conductor, Stéphane Potvin)

Choral Artist/Scholar (2019-present)

- Spiritus Ensemble
- Waterloo County Carollers
- Arcady Ensemble
- Brott Festival
- The Elora Singers (substitute)
- Church of St. John the Evangelist Parish Choir (Elora)
- St Peter's Lutheran Church Choir (Kitchener)

Guelph Youth Singers (2021-present)

- Guest Conductor, Assistant Choir Coordinator

Wilfrid Laurier University Symphony Orchestra (2021-2022)

- Assistant Conductor (Conductor, Kira Omelchenko)

Wilfrid Laurier University (2020-2022)

- Music Theory Tutor

Elora Festival (2019-2021)

- Production Assistant, Hospitality Manager

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