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Education

M.M.E. in Music Education 2022-2026 (*in progress*)

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Instructors:

Dr. Joseph Parisi Dr. Charles Robinson

B.M.E. in Music Education - Instrumental and Choral Emphasis 2016-2021

McKendree University - Lebanon, IL

Instructors:

Dr. John McDonald Dr. Jennifer Moder-Bell

Dr. Nancy Ypma Mr. Dave Boggs

MSGT. Michael Correa, Percussion

Mrs. Amy Prince, Voice

Teaching Experience

Illini Central Middle and High School, Grades 5-12 2021-Current

Band and Choir Director | Mason City, Illinois

Belleville West High School, Grades 9-12 Spring 2021

Student Teacher, Band and Choir | Belleville, Illinois

Central Junior High, Grades 6-12 Spring 2021

Student Teacher, Band | Belleville, Illinois

Coolidge Middle School, Grades 6-8 October-December 2019

Instrumental Practicum Student | Granite City, IL

Edwardsville High School, Grades 9-12 January– May 2019

Choral Practicum Student | Edwardsville, IL

Mascoutah High School, Grades 9-12	2016-2017; 2019-2021
Percussion Instructor Mascoutah, IL	
Front Ensemble Tech	2016-2017; 2019; 2021
Percussion Director	2020
Highland High School, Grades 9-12	2019
Percussion Director Highland, IL	
Mater Dei Catholic High School, Grades 9-12	2018
Front Ensemble Instructor Breese, IL	
Carl Schurz High School, Grades 9-12 (through Golden Apple Foundation)	2018
Credit Recovery Biology Chicago, IL	
Wesclin Sr High School, Grades 9-12 Trenton, IL	2016-2018
Percussion Instructor	
Percussion Director	2017-2018
Battery Tech	2016

Clinics/Masterclasses

Re:Thinking Rehearsal: Creating a Holistic Music Curriculum in an Ensemble Setting

Date: January 2024, Illinois Music Education Conference

Presenters: Kelly Damann and Tony DiPasquale

Performing

Professional Ensembles

No Name-Chorale - Vocalist 2018-Present

Highland Muny Band - Percussionist 2017-Present

St. Louis Brass Band - Percussionist 2017-2020; 2023

Academic Ensembles

McKendree University

 Concert Band - 2016-2020

 Wind Ensemble - 2016-2020

 Marching Band - 2016-2018

Percussion Ensemble - 2016-2020
 Jazz Band - 2016-2019
 Jazz Combo - 2017-2019
 Concert Choir - 2016-2020
 Chamber Choir - 2016-2020
 Greater St. Louis Percussion Ensemble - 2017

Theatre

The Trail to Oregon (Illini Central CUSD 189) Director/Music Director/Conductor	April 2023
The Addams Family (STEAM Academy at McCluer South-Berkeley High) Percussion	November 2022
Songs for a New World (Belleville West/Belleville East High School) Guitar	June 2021
Public Domain (Vaudeville Theatre, London, UK)* Digital Ensemble (Rise and Conquer)	May 2021
First Date (McKendree University) Ensemble	March 2021
The Little Mermaid (Highland High School) Drum Set	October 2020
Freaky Friday: The Musical (Curtain's Up Theatre Company) Drum Set	May 2019
Shrek the Musical (Highland High School) Drum Set	March 2019
The Marvelous Wonderettes(Hard Road Theater) Drum Set	January 2019
Beauty and the Beast (Ignite Theater Company) Percussion	January 2019
Legally Blonde (McKendree University) Drum Set	November 2018
Little Shop of Horrors (Ignite Theater Company) Drum Set	Summer 2018
Guys and Dolls(Highland High School) Drum Set	April 2018
Ruthless(Blackburn College) Drum Set	March 2018
Titanic the Musical (Looking Glass Playhouse) Percussion	May 2017
Urinetown the Musical (Lindenwood University)	February 2017

Drum Set	
Shrek the Musical (Ignite Theater Company)	December 2016
Drum Set	
Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat (Looking Glass Playhouse)	October 2016
Drum Set	
Hairspray (Mascoutah High School)	March 2016
Wilbur	
Fiddler on the Roof (Mascoutah High School)	March 2015
Ensemble	
Aida (Mascoutah High School)	March 2014
Ensemble	

*Denotes was recorded, and pieced with live show.

Notable Performances

St. Louis Brass Band featuring Demondrae Thurman	
Final Fantasy: Distant Worlds	February 18, 2023
Fabulous Fox Theatre, St. Louis, MO	
Tenor - Choir	
Senior Voice Recital	November 17, 2020
Kelly Damann, Tenor	
Jessica Anderson, Piano	
Senior Percussion Recital	June 10, 2020
Kelly Damann, Percussion	
Cameron Nollman, Piano	
Brock Wilkinson, Clarinet	
Tyler Jewell, Saxophone	
Sophomore Duet Percussion Recital - Kelly Damann and Cameron Nollman	May 3, 2018
Kelly Damann, Percussion	
Cameron Nollman, Percussion	
Dr. Robert Jordan, Bassoon	
Inuksuit w/ Third Coast Percussion	May 19, 2017
The Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, Arkansas	
Percussion, Group 2	

Repertoire

Percussion

Snare

- Jacques Delécluse
 - Etudes 1, 2, & 4 from Douze Études pour Caisse-Claire
- Gene Koshinski
 - Swerve
- Joseph Tompkins
 - Etudes 1 & 2 from Nine French-American Rudimental Solos

Xylophone

- George Hamilton Green
 - Chromatic Fox-Trot
 - Fluffy Ruffles
 - Log Cabin Blues
 - Rainbow Ripples
- Joe Green
 - Xylophonia

Marimba

- Gary Fieldman
 - Watch the Melting Glaciers
- Gene Koshinski
 - Caleidoscopio
 - Prelude Nuevo
- Eric Sammut
 - Four Rotations for Marimba

Multi-Percussion

- Iannis Xenakis
 - Rebonds B
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Vocal

Art Song/Classical/Opera

- Benjamin Britten
 - On This Island
- Pearl G. Curran
 - Life
- Gerald Finzi
 - I said to love from I said to love
 - Let Us Garlands Bring (in progress)
- George Friedric Handel
 - Sound an Alarm from Judas Maccabeus
- Jake Heggie
 - Friendly Persuasions: Homage to Poulenc (in progress)

- Francis Poulenc
 - Chanson D'Orkenise, Hotel, and Voyage a Paris from Banalites
- Franz Schubert
 - Am Feierabend, Ungeduld, Mein!, and Der Müller und der Bach from Die schöne Müllerin
- Richard Strauss
 - Zueignung

Theatre

- Matt Dahan
 - The Starry Night from Starry
- Hilmi Jaidin
 - Deserve to Die from Shift+Alt+Right
- Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
 - Come Back from Dogfight
- Stephen Sondheim
 - Being Alive from Company
 - Johanna from Sweeney Todd
- Jeanine Tesori
 - Edges of the World from Fun Home

Honors and Awards

Meritorious Service for an Early Career Educator <i>Illinois State Board of Education</i>	2023
ILMEA Emerging Leaders Conference <i>Illinois Music Education Association</i>	2022
McKendree Honors Convocation - Distinguished Music Education Graduate <i>McKendree University</i>	2021
ILMEA Collegiate Honors Chorus <i>Illinois Music Education Association</i>	2020
ILMEA Future Music Educators Seminar Panelist <i>Illinois Music Education Association</i>	2020
McKendree University Concerto Competition Winner Xylophonia by Joe Green <i>McKendree University</i>	2017
ILMEA Honors All-State Chorus <i>Illinois Music Education Association</i>	2016

ILMEA All-State Chorus

2016

Illinois Music Education Association

Professional Affiliations

Illinois Music Education Association

2016-Present

Golden Apple Foundation

2018-Present

Scholar

Percussive Arts Society

2022-Present

Selected Studies/Masterclasses Taken

Josh Jones

2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Various Percussion Lessons, Online & In-Person

Jeff Blim

December 5, 2020

Artists & Beyond, Theatre & Vocal Performance Workshop

2019, 2020

Musical Theatre Composition/Bookwriting

Christine Brewer

March 3rd, 2020

McKendree University, Vocal Masterclass

Steven Tharpe

September 27, 2019

St. Louis Art Song, Vocal Masterclass

Third Coast Percussion

February 27, 2019

McKendree University, Percussion Masterclass

Marques Ruff

February 18, 2019

McKendree University, Vocal Masterclass, Conducting Masterclass

Anat Cohen Tenet

April 10, 2018

McKendree University Jazz Masterclass

Johnny Lee Lane

2014, 2016, 2018

Wesclin Sr High School, Percussion Masterclass

Compositions/Recordings

To Sleep 2021

For Voice and Piano

Words and Music by Kelly Damann

Musicals

Puebla **In Progress**

Book and Co-Lyricist - Straton Rushing

Music and Co-Lyricist - Kelly Damann

Plays

Icaro, Texas: A Radio Play - [LISTEN HERE](#) 2023

Written by Straton Rushing

Directed by Victor Arevalo

Music Written and Recorded by Kelly Damann