

Colleen Gilgan

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music in Music Education

May 2021

Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, NJ

NJ Certification in Music Education (PreK-12)

Cumulative GPA: **3.710/4.00**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ben Franklin Elementary School, Lawrenceville, NJ

February - May 2021

Student Teaching, General Music

- Engaged students in grades K-3 in groups of 4-25 students in developmentally appropriate and relevant music material in both virtual and in person settings
- Designed and taught lessons aligned with National and NJ arts standards and the Lawrence Township Public School District curriculum
- Differentiated instruction for students with IEPs and 504 plans, as well as students in the English as a Second Language and Academic Support Instruction programs
- Incorporated technology, instruments, physical and virtual manipulatives, song, dance, etc.

Robbinsville High School, Robbinsville, NJ

September - December 2020

Secondary Practicum, Choir, AP Music Theory, Music Theory I

- Engaged students in grades 9-12 in groups of 6-27 students in developmentally appropriate and relevant music material in a synchronous virtual setting
- Designed and taught virtual group teaching lessons aligned with National and NJ arts standards and the Robbinsville Public School District curriculum in music theory and vocal technique
- Led virtual Choir sectionals for soprano 1, soprano 2, alto, and tenor voice parts in identifying, isolating, and practicing challenging sections of songs

Dutch Neck Elementary School, West Windsor, NJ

January - May 2020

Primary Practicum, General Music, Chorus

- Designed and taught virtual video lessons for students in grades K-3 (post-COVID school closure)
- Incorporated technology, instruments, song, and body percussion
- Observed in person lessons (pre-pandemic) of concert preparation, ukulele, solfege, singing games, and composition

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Musical Director of Westminster Players September 2018 - October 2019

Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ

Cabaret by John Kander and Fred Ebb October 2018

She Loves Me by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick October 2019

- Taught music to cast members (solos, duets, and ensemble numbers) at rehearsals
- Hired and rehearsed orchestral music with professional and student musicians
- Conducted full orchestra and full musical ensemble during performances

Choreographer of Westminster Show Choir September 2018 - May 2020

- Created and taught choreography to Show Choir ensemble to different music genres (pop, holiday, musical theatre)
- Led ensemble in physical warm ups and rehearsals of choreography to prepare for performances
- Held position on Executive Board of Show Choir to collaborate and make decisions with other board members

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Voice: 9 years of formal voice training, voice primary in college

Acting: 3 years of formal acting training

Dance: 15 years of formal dance training in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern, musical theatre

Musical Theatre performance/production: 9 years of musical theatre performance, 2 years of direction, 3 years of musical direction, 5 years of choreography direction

Instrumental: 4 years of piano, ukulele, Orff instruments, 1 year of string, woodwind, brass, rock band instruments

Technology: proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Google Tools, Zoom, Scratch, Makey Makey

Language: Proficient in intermediate written and spoken Spanish

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

National Association for Music Education October 2017 - Present

American Choral Directors Association October 2017 - Present

Sigma Alpha Iota, Professional Female Music Fraternity April 2018 - Present

Vice President of Ritual May 2020 - May 2021

- Rehearsed, led, and performed fraternity ritual ceremonies
- Explained and maintained the meaning of ritual within the chapter

Sergeant of Arms May 2019 - May 2020

- Kept knowledge of and enforced ritual protocols and maintained order during meetings
- Maintained and revised chapter bylaws

Gail Bierenbaum Women's Leadership Council September 2020 - May 2021

Alpha Psi Omega, National Theatre Honor Society November 2016 - May 2017