

Kirsten J. Boyd

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Education Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Master of Music, Horn Performance

North Park University, Chicago, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Music, Piano and Horn Concentration

Teaching Experience

Fairfax High School **Fairfax, VA**

Music Director for Musical Theatre: 2012-present

- Teach and rehearse vocal music for ensemble members and leads in main stage musicals. Attend daily rehearsals as vocal coach and rehearsal pianist.
- Rehearse and conduct an orchestra pit for each show that includes a mix of student and professional instrumentalists.
- Proficient with MainStage 3 for keyboard sounds and cues.
- Additional music direction and keyboard support for productions at Robinson Middle School, Woodson High School, and Langley High School.

Olde Creek Elementary School **Fairfax, VA**

General Music Teacher: Sept. 2018-present

Churchill Road Elementary

McLean, VA

General Music Teacher: Sept 2017-May 2018

- Develop and broaden curriculum to meet FCPS Program of Study grades K-6 for a diverse group of learners. Expand units with the music team to grow student musicianship, cultural connections and hands-on experiences.
- Direct and select repertoire in multiple languages and styles for the 5th and 6th grade chorus class, concerts and special events. Engage guest vocal and instrumental soloists to perform with the students in our holiday sing-along, and spring chorus concert. Rehearse 6th grades students for the FCPS All-County Chorus Festival. Conduct students for site rehearsals with neighboring schools.
- Implement and strengthen collaborative units for grade levels including colonial dancing for 4th grade, poetry and rhythm units for 1st grade, and unique writing assignments in music history and cultural connections for 4th-6th grade. Create and rehearse performance showcases for grades K-2.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers to motivate a range of learners to reach their academic and behavioral goals through organizational strategies and positive behavior reinforcement.
- Create an engaging guitar curriculum for grades 4-6.
- Implement and develop curriculum that incorporates singing, rhythm, movement, and music literacy for a self-contained special education classroom with a variety of special needs including Autism Spectrum Disorder and Down Syndrome.

Private Piano Instructor: 2004-present

- Expand music knowledge and proficiency through a wide range of musical styles and technique instruction for students ranging from age 5 to adult.
- Guide and develop individual student musicianship through encouragement of self-awareness, critical thinking, and the formation of good practice habits.

Oakwood School

Annandale, VA

Music Teacher: 2006-2008

- Created, developed and scaffolded lessons for students with learning disabilities in grades K-8.
- Fostered and encouraged musical experiences through the introduction of a hand chime choir and performances at the neighboring nursing home.
- Helped to develop and coach the annual student Talent Show.

Related Experience

City of Fairfax Theatre Company (CFTC)

Fairfax, VA

Producing Director: 2018-present

Artistic Director: 2013-2017

- Oversee the artistic implementation and planning of an annual season of three productions, two summer drama camps, and various camps and educational opportunities throughout the year.
- Engage and motivate the Board of Trustees to fulfill and further CFTC's mission to enrich, educate and connect our community through theatre programming for all ages.
- Execute a leadership role during annual season as either director, producer or music director.

Truro Anglican Church

Fairfax, VA

Director of Worship & Arts: 2010-2014

Worship & Arts Associate: 2006-2010, 2014-2017

- Directed a large, vibrant music ministry for a 900+ member congregation.
- Oversaw all worship staff and volunteers including two full-time music positions, the Truro Parish Choir, Children & Youth Handbells & Choir, Audio Visual ministries, and supporting worship organizations including Drama Ministry, Children's Dance Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Flower Guild.
- Performed as primary pianist, organist.
- Co-founded and directed Genesis Arts Camp for grades Pre-K through 12. Hired and collaborated with professional artists, musicians, dancers and actors to create a variety of intensive classes with an end of the camp showcase.

Western Illinois University

Macomb, IL

Graduate Assistant: 2004-2006

- Performed as a collaborative pianist for vocal instrumental students. Accompanied private lessons, recitals and juries for undergraduate students

Former Teachers

Dr. Rollo Dilworth - North Park University, choral conducting (currently Temple University)

Dr. Terree Shofner-Emrich - North Park University, piano

Martin Hackleman - National Symphony Orchestra, principal horn (retired)

Dr. Randall Faust - Western Illinois University, Interlochen Arts Camp, horn (retired)