

Kirsten J. Boyd

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Teaching Experience

LIBERTY TREE ACADEMY - PEYTON, CO

August 2020 – present

Upper School Music Teacher

- Develop an exploratory, hands on approach to general music for grades 6-8 through instruction in ukulele, class piano, bucket drumming, music composition and literacy projects, singing, and music history.
- Generate e-learning activities for a small group of full-time virtual students in 6-10th grade that included bucket drumming, singing, music history, music composition and movement.
- Devise a ukulele and piano skills class for a class of beginner to advanced high school students including e-learning students working remotely. Institute bi-monthly “classroom concerts” for K-6th grade students
- Direct an after school choral program for grades 5-10, selecting repertoire in multiple languages and styles.
- Create “Eagle Theatre,” an after school theatre program that performs a spring play for grades K-10. Build and develop parent volunteers from scratch, recruit teacher support and cultivate a professional theatrical experience for all students and parents.

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – FAIRFAX, VA

2012 – 2020

Music Director for Musical Theatre

- Build and develop strong musicians within a thriving musical theatre program that has sent students to Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, University of North Carolina School for the Arts, Point Park University, Ithaca College and many others.
- 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, including both student and professional musicians.

OLDE CREEK ELEMENTARY – FAIRFAX, VA

2018 – 2020

CHURCHILL ROAD ELEMENTARY – MCLEAN, VA (LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE)

2016 – 2018

General Music Teacher

- Develop and broaden curriculum to meet FCPS Program of Study grades K-6 for a diverse group of learners. Expand 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, including FCPS All County Chorus Festival. Engage guest vocal and instrumental soloists to perform with the students.
- 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 a curriculum of singing, rhythm, movement, and music literacy for a self-contained special education classroom with a variety of special needs.
- Innovate various virtual learning plans that included and excluded screen time for asynchronous learning.

Administration & Production Experience

THE CITY OF FAIRFAX THEATRE COMPANY

Producing Director

2018 – 2020

Artistic Director

2013 – 2017

- Oversee the artistic implementation and planning of an annual season of three productions, an annual cabaret fundraiser, two summer drama camps, and various camps and educational opportunities throughout the year.
- Manage budget, assist in fundraising and help grow the company from almost bankruptcy to a yearly profit and the acquisition of a scene shop.
- 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 every show in the annual season as either director, producer or music director.

TRURO ANGLICAN CHURCH – FAIRFAX, VA

2006 – 2017

Director of Worship & Arts

Arts Associate

- Directed a large, vibrant music ministry for 900+ member congregation with 4 weekly services.
- Led and orchestrated a team of 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, Children's Dance, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes, Altar Guild.
- Served as primary pianist, organist for all worship services, funerals and weddings.
- Co-founded and directed Genesis Arts Camp for grades Pre-K – 12. Hired and collaborated with professional artists, musicians, dancers and actors to create intensive classes and end-of-camp showcase.

Education

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Master of Music, Horn Performance Western

Illinois University, Macomb, IL

December 2006 – Cum. GPA 4.0/4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Music, Piano and Horn Concentration

North Park University, Chicago, IL

May 2004 – Cum. GPA 3.88/4.0

Certifications

Texas Educator Certificate: Music EC-12

One year licence obtained, valid from 3/1/2021-3/31-2022

Commonwealth of Virginia Postgraduate Professional License

Music: Instrumental Prek-12

Music: Vocal/Choral Prek-12

Technical Experience & Skills

SKILLS

Proficient in MS Excel, MS Word, Ticket leap, Canva, MailChimp, Weebly, G-Suite and Google Drive.

Intermediate proficiency in Salesforce, all other MS Office products.

Proficient in Social Media including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitch. Experienced in leading a social media team.

PRODUCTION

Expert in facilitating and ensuring cross-project communication with sound engineers, lighting designers and all theatrical technicians. Capable of basic audio setup.

Proficient with Mainstage 3 for keyboard sounds and cues.

LANGUAGES

Beginner Spanish, studying since October 2019 with a private tutor. Beginner German.