



# Christopher Benfield

Composer, Performer, Music Educator,  
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## Positions of Leadership

### **The University of Washington (2019)**

- Assistant Director for Vocal Theater Workshop's productions

### **Seattle Symphony Chorale (2018-2019)**

- Council member, fundraising, grant writing

### **Student Teaching (2016)**

- Saratoga Springs High School, NY; director of Concert and Select Choirs, Mixed Chorus
- Troy Elementary School 17, NY; general music K-5, director of grade level choirs

### **The College of Saint Rose Other Guys A Cappella (2012-2016)**

- President, fundraising, grant writing

## Other

### **Honors and Awards**

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from The College of Saint Rose (2016)
- Louis C. Garenani Memorial Music Scholarship (2012)
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America (2010)

### **Professional Certifications**

- New York State Performing Arts K-12 certification (2016-present), mastery
- Washington State Music certification (2016-2018)

### **Skills**

- Leadership, creative problem solving, fundraising, grant writing
- Music notation software, Microsoft Office programs
- French (written, conversational)

### **Published Works**

- Numerous compositions and arrangements
- Dissertation: "*Vox Aestheticae*: Creating a Method of Aesthetic Analysis for the Voice Performer"

## Education

### **Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance (2020)**

- The University of Washington School of Music, Seattle, WA

### **Master of Music in Music Education (2017)**

- Crane School of Music, State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY

### **Bachelor of Science in Music Education (2016)**

- The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY

## Employment

### **Private Instructor (2015-present)**

- Happy Valley Arts Academy (2020-), Bach2Rock Music School (+administration) (2020-)
- Voice, piano, ukulele, music theory/composition

### **Musical Minds Keyboard Club (2019-2020)**

- Lead teacher, after school elementary piano program, trained new teachers

### **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Seattle WA (2018-2019)**

- Member, baritone section leader

### **Brigadoon Elementary, Washington (2016-2018)**

- General Music Instructor K-5, director of Honor Choir and grade level choirs, voice instructor, introduced ukulele curriculum, led fundraising efforts

### **New York State Summer School for the Arts, School of Choral Studies (2015)**

- Counselor, assisted directing small ensembles, assisted in instructing music theory courses, voice lesson instruction

### **Albany, NY Visitors Center (2013-2016)**

- Receptionist, administrative assistant, outreach for new visitors to the city, various clerical work, sold merchandise

### **Pastime Legends Video Games (2013-2015)**

- Sales associate