

Christopher Benfield

Baritone



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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance (in progress)

The University of Washington School of Music,
Seattle, WA

Master of Music in Music Education

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

Bachelor of Science in Music Education

The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY

Performance Experience

Ensembles

- The Seattle Symphony Chorale (2017-2019)
- The College of Saint Rose Masterworks Chorale (2012-2016)
- The College of Saint Rose Chamber Choir (2012-2016)
- The College of Saint Rose Madrigals Ensemble (2012-2016)
- The College of Saint Rose Men's Glee (2014-2015)

Solo Work

- General:
 - Bardolfo in *Falstaff*; Giuseppe Verdi (2019)
 - Baritone in *Hydrogen Jukebox*; Phillip Glass (2019)
 - *Opera Scenes* directed by Hugo Vera (2019)
 - Harlekin in *Ariadne auf Naxos*
 - *Italian Scenes and Arias* directed by Dean Williamson and Deanne Meek (2018)
 - Dr. Malatesta in *Don Pasquale*; Gaetano Donizetti
 - Don Giovanni in *Don Giovanni*; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Recitals:
 - *Songpetals*-DMA Recital (2019)
 - Senior Voice Recital (2016)
- Concert Performances:
 - Major General in *Pirates of Penzance*; Gilbert and Sullivan (The University of Washington, 2019)
 - Gazella in *Lucrezia Borgia* (Puget Sound Concert Opera, 2019)

Positions of Leadership/Employment

The University of Washington (2019)

- Assistant Director for Vocal Theater Workshop's production of *Hydrogen Jukebox*

Brigadoon Elementary, Washington (2016-2018)

- Director of Honor Choir vocal ensemble
- Voice instructor
- General Music Instructor

The College of Saint Rose Other Guys A Cappella

- President (2012-2016)

Saratoga Springs High School, New York (2016)

- Director of Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Select Choir

Troy Elementary School 14, New York (2016)

- General Music instructor
- Orchestra lesson instructor
- Elementary Choir director

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

- Counselor
- Assisted in directing small ensembles
- Assisted in instructing music theory courses
- Voice lesson instructor

Other

Honors and Awards

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

Professional Certification

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