



Josh Lisner

Musician Educator Performer

EDUCATION

Westminster Choir College - Bachelor of Music

2017 - 2021

- Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- Burns Alan Dobbins, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship - Music Education Award
- Joseph Kovacs Estate Scholarship Recipient
- Four-time Dean's List Recipient
- Undergraduate GPA: 3.8
- Graduate GPA: 4.0
- Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Edison High School - Director of Choirs and Vocal Music

2021 - Present

- Conducted rehearsal of 150 students of varying skill levels
- Programmed concerts of diverse repertoire that challenged students to grow
- Raised funds for musical initiatives such as competitions, festivals, and masterwork projects
- Planned and facilitated community building activities within the choral department in order to prioritize student success post-covid
- Created and conducted in the Edison Township Choral Festival, an event that brings together two rival high schools (Edison High School and John P. Stevens High School) to perform as one united Edison choral community of over 350 students.

John P. Stevens High School - Student Teacher

2021

- Conducted virtual rehearsal of 150 students through the use of technology integration and differentiated instruction
- Planned and facilitated community building activities within the choral department
- Assembled virtual choir projects for concerts and showcases (Adobe Premiere, Adobe Audition)

Princeton Girlchoir, Westrick Music Academy - Conducting Fellow

2020-2021

- Conducted weekly virtual rehearsals of 45 students using technology and prerecorded lectures
- Assisted conductor with preparation for virtual concerts and weekly rehearsal preparations
- Facilitated conversations with students about performances and musical components

Westminster Choir College Vocal Institute - Aural Theory Instructor and Conductors Assistant

2018-2020

- Instructed students on aural theory topics including rhythm, melody, sight-reading.
- Connected with students one-on-one to provide individualized instruction with written feedback and goals
- Assisted program director in organization and planning of institute schedule, recitals, concerts, auditions, and classes
- Enhanced recruitment through connections to local and national teachers, campus programs, and scholarships

Bear Tavern Elementary School - Elementary General Music/Choir Practicum Student

2020

- Conducted and accompanied choral warm-ups and rehearsals both in-person and online
- Instructed students in general music classes and Orff instrument ensembles

PROFILE

Josh Lisner maintains an active career as an educator, tenor, and professional musician. He is in demand in churches and professional choral settings as a soloist, chorister, and conductor throughout the Tri-State area.

Currently, he serves as Director of Choirs and Vocal Music at Edison High School in New Jersey. He aspires towards graduate studies and hopes to one day conduct high-level symphonic repertoire at the collegiate and professional level.

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MAJOR PERFORMANCES SUNG

Lincoln Center –David Geffen Hall	New York Philharmonic Chorus	2024	Music of Leonard Bernstein
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2024	Brahms Requiem
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2023	Bruckner Te Deum
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2022	Handel Messiah
Maestro 2023 Film – Bradley Cooper	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2022	Bernstein Make our Garden Grow
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2022	Pachamama Meets and Ode
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Philadelphia Symphonic Choir	2022	The Hours (World Premiere)
Maltz Performing Arts Center +	Westminster Choir	2020	Bach Saint Matthew Passion
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Westminster Symphonic Choir	2020	Ravel L'Enfant et les sortilèges
Kimmel Center – Verizon Hall	Westminster Symphonic Choir	2019	Bach B Minor Mass
National Cathedral – Washington DC	Westminster Williamson Voices	2019	Whitbourn Annelies
Carnegie Hall	Montclair University Chorale	2019	Beethoven 9 th Symphony
NJ Performing Arts Center	Newark Voices and NJ Symphony Orchestra	2018	Beethoven 9 th Symphony
Princeton University Chapel	Westminster Choir College - Vocal Institute	2018	Chichester Psalms – Tenor Soloist
Richardson Auditorium	Westminster Summer Choral Festival	2018	Bach Magnificat & Howells Requiem
Richardson Auditorium	Princeton Pro Musica	2018	Britten War Requiem
Princeton University Chapel	Westminster Choir College - Vocal Institute	2017	Selections from Durufle Requiem
Princeton Theological Seminary	Westminster Summer Choral Festival	2017	Monteverdi Vespers of 1610
Princeton University Chapel	Princeton Pro Musica	2017	Monteverdi Vespers of 1610
Saint Peter's Basilica – Rome Italy	Montclair State University –Vocal Accord	2017	Mass Service, Vivaldi Gloria
Princeton University Chapel	Westminster Choir College - Vocal Institute	2016	Selections from Mozart Requiem
New England Conservatory	ACDA Eastern Division Honor Choir	2016	Various Selections
Princeton University Chapel	Westminster Choir College - Vocal Institute	2015	Bernstein Chichester Psalms
Carnegie Hall	Manhattan Concert Productions	2015	Mozart Vespers

+ Indicates Performance was prepared but canceled due to COVID-19

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

College Conservatory of Music: Cincinnati University – International Conductor Training Program

2023

- Conducted rehearsals and a performance of two movements of Bach's Magnificat with professional singers and instrumentalists
- Attended lectures on score study and classes on rehearsal technique under the direction of Joe Miller and Brett Scott
- Participated in masterclasses on conducting gesture with a professional choir and orchestra

The Crossing Choir – Summer Associate

2021

- Supported the artistic staff with rehearsal and performance logistics and planning
- Provided performers with technology assistance on Echoes Amplification Kits, a new amplification system The Crossing designed for socially-distant singing
- Corresponded with stage management, audio engineers, front of house, and artistic staff for effective rehearsals and performances

Westminster Choir College Conducting Institute – Director's Assistant

2018–2020 (Summer Program)

- Assisted program director in organization of institute schedule, recitals, concerts, auditions, and classes
- Coordinated international travel plans of eight conductors

Princeton Pro Musica – Tenor Section Leader

2017-2018

- Performed high level symphonic repertoire including Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610* and Britten's *War Requiem*

Church of the Immaculate Conception – Tenor Section Leader

2017-Present

- Performed as a member of the choir and cantor for Catholic Mass Services
- Conducted rehearsals of the full choir and the chamber choir
- Conducted and accompanied sectional rehearsals

SERVICE

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Rho Kappa Chapter – Elected Choir Master

2020-2021

- Elected as Choir Master for 2020-2021 academic year
 - Coordinated all musical activities within the organization including concerts, initiation, and community events
 - Coordinated a benefit performance for the National Association of Negro Musicians

Rider University & Westminster Choir College Student Government Association – Senator at Large

2020-2021

- Proposed legislation to better the student body
- Member of Academic Affairs Committee, Student Finance Committee, and Library Academic Affairs Committee

Westminster Choir College Tutoring Center – Music Theory Tutor

2018-2019

- Assisted students weekly on homework and concepts discussed in class, spanning all levels of the Westminster Choir College music theory curriculum

Westminster Choir College - Chapel Choir Tenor Section Leader

2017

- Conducted and accompanied sectional rehearsals
- Organized attendance information and coordinated logistics for the ensemble and section

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Combating Systemic Racism in the Music Classroom Seminar Attendee	2020
Westminster Choir 100 th Year Tour Chorister	2020
ACDA Eastern Division Conference Attendee	2020
Visions of Research in Music Education Conference Attendee	2019
Westminster Conducting Institute Attendee	2018-2019
Westminster Summer Choral Festival Attendee	2017-2019
NAfME National Convention Attendee	2017
Westminster Choir College NAfME Chapter Member	2017-2021
Westminster Choir College ACDA Chapter Member	2017-2021

REPERTOIRE CONDUCTED

Quando Quilariá!	Daniel Afonso Jr.
Homeward Bound	Jay Althouse
Tshotsholoza	Jeffery L. Ames
Magnificat (Quia respexit humilitatem & Omnes Generationes)	Johann Sebastian Bach
Tuba	Michael Barrett
Es tönt ein voller Harfenklang	Johannes Brahms
Geistliches Lied	Johannes Brahms
Sehnsucht	Johannes Brahms
Weit und breit schaut niemand mich an	Johannes Brahms
Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen	Johannes Brahms
Peace Song	Tim Brent
This Little Babe from A Ceremony of Carols	Benjamin Britten
Betelehemu	Barrington Brooks
Cosita Linda	Alberto Carbonel
Lift Every Voice and Sing	Roland Carter
Romancero Giatano	Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco
Where your Bare Foot Walks	David Childs
The Lake Isle of Innisfree	Eleanor Daley
As Long As We Got Each Other	David Das
Sigh No More, Ladies	Emma Lou Diemer
Light of a Clear Blue Morning	Parton/Hella Johnson Dolly/Craig
And Suddenly	Michael Engelhardt
Only in Sleep	Erik Esenvalds
TaReKiTa	Reena Esmail
Tuttaranna	Reena Esmail
Requiem	Gabriel Faure
Ubi Caritas	Ola Gjeilo
Blogadop	Sydney Guillaume
Awake The Harp from Creation	Franz Joseph Haydn
Music Down in My Soul	Moses Hogan
Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Group 3	Gustav Holst
West Side Story Medley	Mac Huff
Ocho Kandelikas	Joshua Jacobson
Poor Wayfaring Stranger	Christi Jones
Peze Kafe	Sten Kallman
Wangol	Sten Kallman
Unclouded Day	Shawn Kirchner
We Remember Them	Susan Labarr
Abide with Me	Thomas Lavoy
Dances of the Gnomes	Edward A. MacDowell
Shenandoah	Kevin Memley
Verleih uns Frieden	Felix Mendelssohn
Will the Circle Be Unbroken	J. David Moore
Kyrie from Missa brevis in F major, K. 192	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Lacrimosa	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

OTHER SKILLS

Virtual Choir Projects (Adobe Suite)

Graphic Design

Website Development

Travel/Tour Coordination

Video Production

Concert Program Design

Music Categorization

Photography

Audio Production

Program Note Author

Music Library Management

Zoom

REFERENCES

Dr. Heather Buchanan – Montclair State University

Director of Choral Activities

Dr. Jay Carter – Yale University/Westminster Choir College

Assistant Professor I in Voice, Conductor of Westminster Kantorei

Dr. Joe Miller – University of Cincinnati/Philadelphia Orchestra Symphonic Choir

Director of Choral Activities/Choir Master

Dr. Amanda Quist – University of Miami

Director of Choral Activities

Dr. Jason Vodicka – Westminster Choir College

Associate Dean of Rider University College of Arts and Sciences & Professor of Music Education

Mr. Gary Gavula – Director of Sacred Music

Immaculate Conception Church of Somerville

Contact information will be furnished upon request