



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
- Programed 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 250 students.

Edison High School - Interim Director of Orchestras (Maternity Leave Position)

2024

- Instructed 3 orchestra classes (Freshmen Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, and Auditioned Chamber Orchestra) from February to June, developing and implementing lesson plans that catered to students' varying skill levels and aligned with curriculum standards.
- Conducted diverse repertoire for performances, collaborated with Wind Ensemble students to perform symphonic orchestral pieces, and facilitated sectional rehearsals to enhance performance quality.
- Managed logistical aspects of the orchestra program, including scheduling rehearsals, organizing concerts, and coordinating with faculty and staff, while maintaining communication with parents and guardians.
- Mentored student leaders within the orchestra, fostering their leadership skills and musical development, and implemented assessment methods to monitor student progress and provide constructive feedback.

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
- Enhanced recruitment through connections to local and national teachers, campus programs, and scholarships

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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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

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

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Philadelphia Symphonic Choir – Member

2022 – Present

- Perform regularly with the Philadelphia Orchestra, contributing to choral-orchestral repertoire under the direction of Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Natalie Stutzmann, Joe Miller, Donald Palumbo, and Ryan Brandau.
- Featured in Bradley Cooper's film "Maestro," a biographical film about Leonard Bernstein, highlighting the choir's role in a major media project.
- Appear at key venues, including Mary Anderson Hall (formerly Verizon Hall) in the Kimmel Center and Carnegie Hall.

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

2023 – 2024 (Summer Program)

- 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
- Sang as a member of the ensemble for a performance of Duruflé Requiem, Mozart Requiem, and Poulenc Gloria

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

MAJOR PERFORMANCES SUNG

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

* Indicates concert was prepared but not performed due to Covid-19 Pandemic

REPERTOIRE CONDUCTED

Composer Name	Title
Daniel Afonso Jr.	Quando Quilariá!
Jay Althouse	Homeward Bound
Jeffery L. Ames	Let Everything That Hath Breath
Jeffery L. Ames	Tshotsholozza
Michael Barrett	Tuba
Ludwig Von Beethoven	Kyrie (from Mass in C Major)
Leonard Bernstein	Chichester Psalms
Leonard Bernstein (arr. Mac Huff)	West Side Story Medley
arr Alan Billingsley	It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year
Johannes Brahms	Es tönt ein voller Harfenklang
Johannes Brahms	Geistliches Lied
Johannes Brahms	O Shoene Nacht
Johannes Brahms	Sehnsucht
Johannes Brahms	Warum?
Johannes Brahms	Weit und breit schaut niemand mich an
Johannes Brahms	Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen
Tim Brent	Peace Song
Benjamin Britten	This Little Babe from A Ceremony of Carols
Barrington Brooks	Betelehemu
Jason Robert Brown	Sanctuary
David L. Brunner	Yo Le Canto Todo el Dia (TB and SA)
Alberto Carbonel	Cosita Linda
Roland Carter	Lift Every Voice and Sing
Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco	Crotolo from Romancero Giatano
David Childs	Where your Bare Foot Walks
Rene Clausen	Barter
Emily Crocker	Eatnemen Vuelie
Eleanor Daley	The Lake Isle of Innisfree
David Das	As Long As We Got Each Other
Emma Lou Diemer	Sigh No More, Ladies
Parton/Hella Johnson Dolly/Craig	Light of a Clear Blue Morning
Anders Edenroth	Chili con carne
Edward Elgard	The Snow
Rodger Emerson	Blue Skies
Michael Engelhardt	And Suddenly
Erik Esenvalds	Only in Sleep
Reena Esmail	TaReKiTa
Reena Esmail	Tuttaranna
Gabriel Faure	Requiem
Stephan Fay	Viva L'Amour
Joseph Flummerfelt	Danny Boy
Daniel Forrest	Goodnight Dear Heart
Ola Gjeilo	Ubi Caritas
Sydney Guillaume	Blogadop
Daniel J Hall	Invictus
Franz Joseph Haydn	Agnus Dei
Franz Joseph Haydn	Awake The Harp from Creation
Franz Joseph Haydn	Kyrie (from Lord Nelson Mass)
Craig Hella Johnson	Let the River Run
Moses Hogan	Music Down in My Soul
Brad Holmes	Noel
Gustav Holst	Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Group 3
Gustav Holst	Hymn to the Dawn

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Joshua Jacobson
Craig Hella Johnson
Tim y Jones
Christi Jones
Sten Kallman
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Shawn Kirchner
Susan Labarr
Thomas Lavoy
Thomas Lavoy
Edward A. MacDowell
James MacMillan
Joseph Martin
Paul Mealor
Kevin Memley
Felix Mendelssohn
Mark Miller
Mark Miller
Claudio Monteverdi
Undine S Moore
J. David Moore
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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Allan Naplan
Stephen Paulus
Kyle Pederson
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
Joel Philips
Josephine Poelinitz
Rosephanye Powell
Sarah Quartel
Jonathan Quick
Andrea Ramsey
Josef Rheinberger
Russell Robinson
John Rutter
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Sam Schiebe
Robert Shaw
Richard Smallwood
Moiria Smiley
Jordan Sramek
Z. Randall Stroepe
Randall Thompson
Christopher Tin
Will Todd
Lodovico Grossi da Viadana
Antonio Vivaldi
Brandon Waddless
Michael Ware
Eric Whitacre
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Peter J Wilhousky
Ralph Vaughn Williams

In The Bleak Midwinter
Ocho Kandelikas
Let The River Run
Pirate Song
Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Peze Kafe
Wangol
Unclouded Day
We Remember Them
Abide with Me
I Shall Not Live In Vain
Dances of the Gnomes
O Radiant Dawn
The Awakening
Coronation Kyrie
Shenandoah
Verleih uns Frieden
I Believe
I Choose Love
Sfogava con le stella
Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord
Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Kyrie from Missa brevis in F major, K. 192
Lacrimosa
Al Shlosha D'varim
The Road Home
Can We Sing The Darkness Into Light
Stabat Mater
Little Lamb
City Called Heaven
Hallelujah from The Cry of Jeremiah
In Time of Silver Rain
Loch Lomands
Dream Keeper
Abendlied
Siyahamba
Down by the Sally Garden
For the Beauty of the Earth
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Twelve Days of Christmas
Rain (**World Premiere and Commission**)
What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor?
Total Praise
Bring Me A Little Water Sylvie
Hawai'i Aloha
Lamentations of Jeremiah
The Last Words of David
Baba Yetu
My Lord Has Come
Exsultate Justi
Gloria
I Shall Wear a Crown
The Wellerman
Home (from The Sacred Veil)
In A Dark And Distant Year (from The Sacred Veil)
Leonardo Dreams Of His Flying Machine
Carol of the Bells
O Clap Your Hands

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NJACDA Summer Conference Attendee	2021-2023
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

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

Director of Choral Activities/Choir Master

Dr. Jason Vodicka – Westminster Choir College

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