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Education

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Doctor of Musical Arts, Choral Conducting candidate

Dissertation: *The Choral Works of Estonian Composer Ester Mägi: A Brief Biography and Annotated Catalog*

Projected dissertation defense: April 2, 2008

Advisor: Geoffrey Boers

Master of Music, Choral Conducting, December, 2005

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – RIVER FALLS

Instrumental Music Education Teaching Certification, May 1999

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – EAU CLAIRE

Bachelor of Music Education, Choral and General Music, December, 1997

Certification in Instrumental, Choral and General Music in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington, 1997-2004

Experience

CONDUCTOR

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Conductor, 2005-present

- University Singers, 2007-2008
- Summer Chorale, 2007
- University Chorale assistant conductor, 2006-2007
- UW Chamber Singers assistant conductor, 2005-2006

Magnolia Chorale, Seattle, WA

Conductor, Autumn 2007-present

Community Choir of forty singers. Rehearsal focus on pedagogical considerations for the aging voice

Annas Bay Music Festival Community Choir, Union, WA

Conductor, Summer 2007

Newly-formed small community choir. Singing fundamentals stressed, along with building a sense of community and self-confidence through singing

Cascadian Chorale, Bellevue, WA

Associate Conductor, 2006-2007

Sacred Music Chorale, Seattle, WA

Assistant Conductor, 2004-2006

Conducting internship

EDUCATOR

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2005-present

- Instructor for Undergraduate Conducting
- Guest Lecturer: Twentieth Century Choral Repertoire, Graduate Conducting, Advanced Choral Techniques, Choral Methods, The Concert Season
- Teaching Assistant for Choral Department, 2004-present
- Facilitator and Lecturer for TA Training Conference, Autumn 2007

Youth Theatre Northwest, Mercer Island, WA

Music Director, 2002-present

- Developed Musical Theatre Curriculum for students ages 5-18

Educator, continued

- Maintain voice studio of twenty students
- Musical Director for over ten main stage productions

Bangkok International Choral Festival, Bangkok, Thailand

Assistant Conductor, October 30- November 3, 2006

- Led sectionals that focused on singing and breathing fundamentals
- Gave individual vocal coaching sessions

Seattle Conservatory of Music, Seattle, WA

Guest educator, 2004-2006

- Theory I and II, Ear Training
- Music History I and II

Emily Dickinson Elementary School, Redmond, WA

Choral Educator, 2004-2005

- Lead before-school choir program
- Music director for school musical

Meridian Park School, Shoreline, WA

General Music and Physical Education educator, 2000-2002

- PreK-Grade 5 curriculum centered on Kodaly philosophy
- Assistant conductor and accompanist for choirs
- Orchestra educator for summer session
- Administrator for *August Arts*, a summer arts camp

Anoka High School, Anoka, MN

Orchestra Student Teaching position, Spring 1999

- Assisted with rehearsals for Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra
- Conducted Varsity Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra II
- String coach for the production of *West Side Story*

Whitehall Public Schools, Whitehall, WI

Choral and General Music Internship, Autumn 1997

- Taught general music for grades 6-8
- Associate Conductor of Junior and Senior High Choirs
- Accompanist
- Choreographer for Junior and Senior High Swing Choirs and All-School musical

RESEARCHER

The Choral Works of Estonian Composer Ester Mägi: A Brief Biography and Annotated Catalog

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University of Washington Baltic Choral Library

- Continue contact with Baltic Libraries to procure more items
- Visit libraries in the Baltic region to share progress and maintain relationships
- Worked closely with library staff to develop a search database
- In collaboration with the University of Washington Baltic Studies program

Continuing Research

- The Complete Conductor: Breath, Body and Spirit
In collaboration with Dr. Geoffrey Boers, University of Washington

PRESENTER

College Music Society National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

November 18, 2007

To the Bards: The Choral Music of Estonian Composer Ester Mägi

Presenter, continued

University of Washington Music Education In-service, Seattle, WA

October 12, 2007

Baltic Repertoire for American Choirs

University of Washington Doctor of Musical Arts Topics Examination, Seattle WA

October 17, 2007

The Aging Voice: Physiological Changes and Singing Considerations

Natural Movement: Using Concepts of Yoga, TaiChi, Laban and Others in the Teaching of Choral Conducting

PERFORMER

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- Mezzo-soprano soloist
Vivaldi *Gloria* and Durante *Magnificat*, March 2007
- Chamber Singers, 2003-present
- Violinist
Whitacre: *Five Hebrew Love Songs*, University Singers, June 2007
Rorem: *Opus 101*, String Quartet, Voice recital, October 2006
Buxtehude: *Membra Jesu nostri*, String Quartet, Conducting recital, February 2006
University of Washington Summer Orchestra, 2005

St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, WA

- Saxophonist
Presented saxophone recital with organist J.Melvin Butler as part of
Arts at St. Marks Organ-Plus recital series, March 2007
- Member of St. Mark's Cathedral Choir, 2000-present

LEADER / COMMUNITY BUILDER

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- Assistant to the Choral Department, 2005-present
Work closely with team in organizing activities such as recruitment and auditions, UW
Gold Festival Choir Festival and planning and executing international choir tours
- Visit and assist local choral educators with repertoire and conducting gesture
- Graduate Student Senator
Representative for music department
Member of Provost-appointed committee

University Congregational UCC Church, Seattle, WA

Music Associate, 2005-2007

- Developed a children and youth music program with an instrumental ensemble and pageant
- Presented session, *The Singing Revolution: Peaceful Protest Through Song*, March 2007
- Lead interactive music worship on alternate Sundays

Seattle Baltic Community

- Estonian language study, 2006-present
- Worked to establish Estonian conversation group at the University of Washington,
Autumn 2007
- Performed and participated in Baltic community events in Seattle, 2006-present

Team in Training

- Completed 2001 Maui Marathon
- Raised funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Mentored new participants for future events

Affiliations

- College Music Society
- American Choral Directors Association
- Chorus America
- International Federation for Choral Music
- Music Educators National Conference