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Professional profile

Dance and Music Artist, Educator and Arts Therapist; Musician: flute, piano, voice; Dancer/Choreographer; Dalcroze Eurhythmics Instructor

Career summary – education and creative arts in therapy

Free-lance Educator/Clinician in Dance, Music and Dalcroze Eurhythmics

- Resident Artist, New York Chapter of the Dalcroze Society of America, September, 2022-October, 2023
- Faculty, Dalcroze School of Music and Movement, Dallas, TX, June 30 July 12, 2023
- Dalcroze workshop for Salem University, department of dance, October 18, 2022
- Faculty, Dalcroze School of the Rockies Summer Institute, July 18 30, 2022, in Dallas, TX
- ➤ Resident teaching artist, Fidget, Philadelphia, PA, January 10 21, 2022
- ➤ Teacher of a community angklung music class, through Modero & Co. at the Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA, October 5 December 15, 2021
- Clinician for online musicianship/Dalcroze Eurhythmics classes, National Children's Chorus, 2021-22 school year
- Consulting clinician, Integral Steps, 2021-22 school year
- Presenter/organizer of panel on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, International Conference of Dalcroze Studies, October 22-24, 2021
- ➤ Participant/Facilitator, Dancing Reading Online Group (DROG), a monthly, international, online group using movement as a tool of inquiry into various texts, particularly related to issues of racism and diversity, equity and inclusion, September, 2017 present
- Faculty, Dalcroze School of the Rockies Summer Institute, 2020 (online), 2021 (in Dallas, TX)
- Teacher, "Virtual Dance with Dawn," a Dalcroze-inspired dance class, online, sponsored by Integral Steps and Virtual Dalcroze Meet-up/Carnegie Melon University, Spring 2021, 2022
- Guest teacher in Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Dalcroze Society of America, The Dalcroze School of the Rockies, and Integral Steps, Denver, Colorado, February 1-8, 2020
- Invited presenter, The Dalcroze Lab, Dalcroze Society of America, online, March 6,7, 2021
- Presenter at the Dalcroze Society of America National Conference, Miami, FL, January 17-19,2020
- Faculty, University of the Arts Sumer program, 2017 and 2019 (2020 and 2021 cancelled due to pandemic and scheduled to resume 2022), Philadelphia, PA
- Presenter, 4th International Conference on Dalcroze Studies, 2019, Katowice, Poland
- ➤ Teach/present workshops including Bryn Mawr College, Temple University Department of Music Education and Music Therapy; Philadelphia Dance Projects; Commonwealth Youth Choirs, Philadelphia, PA; Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia, PA; Dalcroze Society of America Conferences; University of the Arts; Pennsylvania Ballet; CelloSpeak, Bryn Mawr, PA.

September, 1997-2017: Longy School of Music of Bard College, Cambridge, MA Faculty, Dalcroze Summer Institute

- Teach movement, eurhythmics, improvisation and electives to international adult students
- > Co-founder of the Body-Mind Department and teacher of courses addressing performance anxiety

September, 2005 – June, 2016: Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School, Philadelphia, PA Music Specialist

- Founding music teacher in K-8 charter school teaching general music and choir with focus on immigrant children, social justice and folk arts
- Initiated and was awarded \$150,000 Presser Grant to build music program to include full Orff-Schulwerk Orchestrarium and Orff Levels training
- Played essential role in developing "Ritual Calendar" annual events which celebrated and highlighted folk arts and social justice

Integrated music resources drawn from the cultures of largely immigrant students and their families

September, 2003-June, 2005: Settlement Music School

Teacher, Children's Music Workshop, Creative Dance

September, 1997-June, 2003: Longy School of Music of Bard College, Cambridge, MA

Faculty, Dalcroze Eurhythmics and Mind-Body Departments

September, 1992-May, 2003: Dancers Courageous, Gloucester, MA

Co-Founder, Teacher

January, 1987-May, 2003: Private Practice and Consultation in Creative Arts in Therapy

June, 2002: Jackonsville Children's Choir, Jacksonville, FL

Visiting Artist

February, 2001: Private Sponsors in Asahikawa Japan and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Visiting Artist/Educator

July, 1999: Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Community Dance Program

Visiting Artist/Educator

1994-1998: Bay State Health Services, Woburn, MA, Creative arts therapist in

geriatric psychiatry

1994-1995: Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, Roslindale, MA, Researcher in

Dance movement therapy

1987-1989: Institute for Arts Therapies, Boston, MA, Dance movement therapist

consultant

1984-1987: New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, MA, Dance movement

therapist

Career summary - performance, choreography, directing

- ➤ **Performing artist**, International Conference of Dalcroze Studies, Carnegie Melon University, August 2 5, 2023
- Resident artist, Dancer, New York Chapter of the Dalcroze Society of America, 2022-2023
- ➤ **Dancer,** "The Philadelphia Matter," FringeArts, Philadelphia, 2020
- Choreographer, performer, "Syrinx Pour Un Et Deux," Dalcroze Society of America conference, Miami, FL, January 17, 2020
- Choreographer, performer, "Syrinx," International Conference of Dalcroze Studies, Katowice, Poland, July 31,2019
- Curator, choreographer, performer, "If We Listened to Birds, Sometimes," an evening of dance and music works, Mascher Space, Philadelphia, PA, May 31, 2019
- Artist in Residence, Mascher Space Cooperative, Cooperative of dance artists, March, 2018-May, 2022
- Choreographer, composer, dancer, "Flute Dance," solo flute and dance work, performed at "Underground at Rons," Philadelphia, PA, and at MAGMA, Gloucester MA, January 27 and 28 respectively
- ➤ Dancer, "Voronoi Partition," multi-media work of improvised dance, film and electro-acoustic music with pianist-composer Ste'phane Orlando, International Congress of Dalcroze Studies, Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec, August 2, 2017
- ➤ Choreographer, dancer, "Dancing The Woods," site-specific dance project, Cape Ann Museum, Gloucester, MA, January 27, 2017
- > Dancer, Community Tap Project, Pamela Heatherington, director, Philadelphia, PA, June 2016
- > Dancer, "Turbine", a site-specific work with Leah Stein Dance Company, Philadelphia, PA, June 2015
- > Dancer, "You and Me Philly," Tara Rynders, director, Philadelphia, Fall 2014
- Singer, Anna Crusis Women's Choir, Philadelphia, PA, 2010-2012
- Singer, Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia, 2005-2007; scholarship recipient, 2005-2006
- ➤ Dancer, musician, Philadelphia New Dance and Music Ensemble, 2005-2006

- ➤ Choreographer, director, performer, "Perfect," an evening of original dance and performance works, West End Theater, Gloucester, MA, March 2005
- Dancer, Workshop for Potential Movement, contemporary dance company, Philadelphia, 2004 Philadelphia Live Arts Festival
- > Assistant Conductor, Anna Crusis Women's Choir, Philadelphia, PA, January June 2004
- > Founder, Artistic Director, 'leven, women's a cappella group, Gloucester, MA, 1991-2003
- Musical Director, "In Harm's Way," a community arts production about domestic violence, Gloucester, MA, May 2003
- Dancer, musician, Music Alive, children's theater troupe, Cambridge, MA, 1998-2002
- ➤ Choreographer, Musical Director, "In Harm's Way," a community arts production about domestic violence, Gloucester, MA, October 2002
- Choreographer, dancer, "A Musical Village: The Music of Bela Bartok," Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA, September 2002
- ➤ Musician, "History. Herstory. Hysterics!" Dance/theater performance with Celeste Miller, Gloucester Stage Co., October 2002
- Choreographer, director, dancer, Faculty Concert, Longy School of Music, April 2001
- Choreographer, director, dancer, Faculty Concert, Longy School of Music, March 2000
- ➤ Choreographer, dancer, "Glory Be," two, sold-out evenings of original dance and performance works, Dancers Courageous, Gloucester, MA, 2001
- Music Director, King Lear, New Voices Theatre Ensemble, Beverly, MA, August 2000
- Creator, director, narrator, "T.S. Elliott and His Practical Cats," children's theatre work, commissioned by the Lyceum Committee, Gloucester, MA, September 1999
- ➤ Dancer, "Clear Away" and "Visions," community arts modern dance performance by Gloucester Legends, Gloucester, MA, 1998-2000
- > **Co-director**, "The Nurses Project," a community arts story and performance project with nationally-known dance and story artist Celeste Miller, 1997-1999
- Music Director, "The Burning Lake," with Celeste Miller, Gloucester Stage Company, Gloucester, MA; Seven Stages Theatre, Atlanta, Georgia; Pontine Movement Theatre, Portsmouth, NH, 1996-1999
- ➤ Choreographer, performer, "From The Heart", original dance and text works, with Celeste Miller, 1997-1999
- Dancer, with Ina Hahn, Windhover Dance; Carl Thomsen; Hazel Mae Rotimi's Nigerian Folk Theatre; Janet Taisey Craft; Kristen Ledson; Cape Ann Sacred Dance Ensemble, Cape Ann, MA, 1985-1994
- Founder, dancer, The Allstar Moving Co., improvisational ensemble, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, 1979-1981

Education & qualifications

- Orff Certification, American Orff-Schulwerk Association, August 2012
- Pennsylvania State Teacher Certification, Music, K-12, October 2010
- License and Certificate in Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA, May 2004
- MCAT, Creative Arts in Therapy (Dance/Movement Therapy specialization), Hahnemann/Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, May 1985
- Flute studies with Jeananne Celli, Thomas Nyfenger, John Wummer, Stanley Aronson, Claude Monteaux, Anna Meyer, Elivi Varga, Ali Ryerson
- Piano Studies with Margaret Banacos, Kathleen Schneider, Jeff Nations, Peter Simpkins
- **BA, Music, Dance**, University of Hartford/Hartt College of Music, Hartford. CT (Dance Studies at Trinity College, Hartford, CT and Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT), May 1980

Grants, awards

- Recipient of a HAWC Community Award (Help for Abused Women and their Children) for choreography and musical direction for In Harm's Way, 2002
- > Two-time recipient of Gloucester Cultural Council Grants for productions of original choreography, 2003, 2004
- Awarded Distinguished Service Award by the North Shore Association for Retarded Citizens for dance education and therapy with developmentally disabled adults, 2001

Publications

- ➤ **Blog**: "Undoing Racism in Music Education" Dalcroze Society of America's website: Dalcroze USA.org, August, 2020 present
- ➤ Article: "Principles and Language of Movement: A Curriculum for Adult Students in Training as Dalcroze Eurhythmics Specialists" American Dalcroze Journal, volume 30, numbers 2 and 3, Winter and Summer 2004
- ➤ Article: "Dalcroze Challenge: Go Out and Teach!" American Dalcroze Journal, volume 41, number 1, Fall/Winter 2014

Associations

- > Started Philadelphia Dalcroze, a local chapter of the Dalcroze Society of America, 2018
- Member, **Dalcroze Society of America**, 2000-present
- Former President, Philadelphia Chapter of the American Orff Schulwerk Association, 2009-2013
- Former, Two-Term President, New England/Canada Chapter of the American Dance Therapy Association, 1985-1989