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KYRA M. STAHR

EDUCATION

- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 2021 – Present
Master of Music, Choral Music/Choral Conducting
GPA: 4.0
Major Teachers: Dr. Cristian Grases, Dr. Tram Sparks, Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, Dr. Nick Strimple
- Miami University, Oxford, OH 2013 – 2017
Majors: Bachelor of Music, Music Education-Choral/General Music
Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
Minors: Special Education
Musical Theatre
Creative Arts Scholar
summa cum laude
Major Teachers: Dr. Jeremy Jones, Dr. William Bausano

TEACHING & CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

- University of Southern California, Oriana Choir 2022 – Present
Los Angeles, CA
Associate Conductor
- South Bay Children's Choir 2022 – Present
Redondo Beach, CA
Associate Director
- Bishop O'Connell High School 2018 – 2021
Arlington, VA
Choral Director
- Bishop O'Connell High School 2018 – 2020
Arlington, VA
Musical Director, Director, and Producer - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Musical Director, Director - *Broadway Desserts*
Musical Director, Director - *Guys and Dolls*
- Yorktown High School 2017 – 2018
Arlington, VA
Interim Choral Director
- Williamsburg Middle School 2017 – 2018
Arlington, VA
Interim Choral Director
- Randolph Elementary School 2017 – 2018
Arlington, VA
Interim General Music Teacher
- Miami University, Chamber Singers 2016 – 2017
Oxford, OH
Student Conductor

Mason High School Mason, OH Student Teacher	2017
Maple Dale Elementary School Cincinnati, OH Student Teacher	2017
Miami University, History of Western Music Oxford, OH Undergraduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Elizabeth Hoover	2016

GUEST CONDUCTING

Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot, High Holy Days Choral/Orchestral Conductor Irvine, CA	2022
University of Southern California, Repertory Singers, Conductor Los Angeles, CA	2022
Ascension Lutheran Church, Guest Conductor. Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	2022
Arlington Diocesan Virtual Choir Director Arlington, VA	2020
Northern Virginia Diocesan Youth Honors Choir Conductor Arlington, VA	2020
Shenandoah All County Treble Chorus Conductor Shenandoah, VA	2019

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Kyra Stahr and McKenna Stenson, co-presenters. Word Symposium on Choral Music “conduct(her): Amplifying Female Voices on the Podium Across the Globe” Istanbul, Türkiye	2023
Kyra Stahr and McKenna Stenson, co-presenters. California Music Educators Conference “Programming with Purpose: Repertoire to Support the Developing Choral Program” Fresno, CA	2023
Kyra Stahr and McKenna Stenson, co-presenters. California Music Educators Conference “Bridging the Gap: Creating an Inclusive Choral Classroom to Support Students with Disabilities” Fresno, CA	2023
Kyra Stahr and McKenna Stenson, co-presenters. Chorus America Roundtable “conduct(her) Takeaways: Amplifying Female Voices on the Podium” Baltimore, MD	2022
Kyra Stahr and Connor Scott, co-presenters. Chorus America Roundtable “Choral Atmosphere: Creating Positivity and Trust in your Ensemble” Baltimore, MD	2022
University of Southern California Choral Leadership Workshop “Cultivating Community in your Choir Post-Pandemic: Using S.E.L Strategies and Yoga in Choral Rehearsals” Los Angeles, CA	2022

ADJUDICATION & CLINICIAN EXPERIENCE

District XII Honor Choir High School Mixed Chorus Sectional Leader Fairfax, VA	2020
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District XII Honor Choir High School Treble Chorus Sectional Leader Fairfax, VA	2019
Swanson Middle School, Adjudicator Arlington, VA	2019
Colgan High School for the Fine and Performing Arts Auditions, Adjudicator Manassas, VA	2018, 2019
Virginia Middle School All-State Choir Auditions, Adjudicator Fairfax, VA	2018, 2019
District XII Middle School Choir Auditions, Adjudicator Arlington, VA	2018, 2019
District XII Honor Choir High School Mixed Chorus Sectional Leader Fairfax, VA	2018

MASTERCLASS PARTICIPATION

American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Graduate Conducting Masterclass Dr. A. Jan Taylor, Repertoire: <i>I Opened My Mouth to the Lord</i> arr. Lela Anderson	2022
Voice Masterclass with Dr. Karen Parks	2022
Choral Conducting Masterclass with Professor Rodney Eichenberger	2021
Choral Conducting Masterclass with Dr. Cristian Grases	2021
Choral Conducting Masterclass with Professor Doreen Rao	2018
Choral Conducting Masterclass with Simon Carrington	2016
Voice Masterclass with Dean Sutherland	2016
Voice Masterclass with Ciáran Sheehan	2016

CONDUCTING INSTITUTES

University of North Texas Choral Conducting Symposium	2022
Atlanta Summer Conducting Institute	2022
Choral Music Experience Institute for Choral Teacher Education	2018

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Co-Founder of conduct(her) podcast Los Angeles, CA <i>Amplifying female voices on the podium</i>	2022 – Present
Featured in the ChorTeach ACDA Online Publication	November 2022
Featured in Western ACDA Tactus	October 2022
Featured in Virginia Harmony	September 2022
Best Buddies Friends Choir President and Director Oxford, OH <i>An inclusive choir for adults with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities</i>	2014 – 2017

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

USC Thornton Student Council Choral Music Graduate Representative Los Angeles, CA	2022 – Present
USC American Choral Directors Association Chapter President Los Angeles, CA	2022 – Present
Tonality Choral Intern Los Angeles, CA	2022 – Present
Virginia Senior Honors Choir Registration Chair Hot Springs, VA	2019, 2020
ACDA Southern Division 5K Coordinator Mobile, AL	2019 – 2020

PROFESSIONAL VOCAL EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California Chamber Singers, Soprano Los Angeles, CA Town and Gown Quartet Caroler, 2022 Ireland Tour, 2022 Eagles Performance, 2021	2021 – Present
St. John's Episcopal Church Guest Soloist McLean, VA	2022
César Alejandro Carillo Recording Project, Soprano Los Angeles, CA	2022
Ascension Lutheran Church Guest Soloist and Section Leader Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	2022
Trevor Kowalski Recording Project, Soprano Los Angeles, CA	2022
University of Southern California, University Chorus Los Angeles, CA Soprano Section Leader	2021 – 2022
National Children's Chorus, Soprano Vocal Mentor Los Angeles, CA	2021 – 2022
University of Southern California Oriana Choir, Soloist in Residence Los Angeles, CA	2021 – 2022
Walker Chapel United Methodist Church Soloist and Section Leader Arlington, VA	2018 – 2021
Rock Spring United Church of Christ Soloist and Section Leader Arlington, VA	2018 – 2021
Private Voice Studio Arlington, VA	2018 – 2021
Miami University Opera Oxford, OH Mrs. Segstrom, Stephen Sondheim's <i>A Little Night Music</i> Emma Jones, Kurt Weill's <i>Street Scene</i>	2013 – 2017

Mrs. TTT, Dan Levy's *Martian Chronicles*
Soprano Chorus Member, Grand Night for Singing
Paquette, Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* Opera Scenes

HONORS & AWARDS

USC Thornton Chamber Singers Ensemble Member Award	2022
USC Norris Foundation Scholarship	2022
Miami University Outstanding Future Music Educator Award	2018
Miami University President's List	2015, 2016, 2017
Miami University Dean's List	2013, 2014
Miami University Choral Scholar	2013-2017
Miami University RedHawk Excellent Scholarship	2013-2017
Nina Palmer Quay Memorial Scholarship	2015, 2016
Alberta Lutz Ittel Music Education Scholarship	2014, 2015, 2016
Goebel-Fischer Music Education Scholarship	2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Commonwealth of Virginia Collegiate Professional License, Music: Vocal/Choral PreK-12
Ohio Resident Educator Teaching Licenses, Multi-Age Music preK-12
Breathe for Change: Social-Emotional Learning Facilitator Certification
Breathe for Change: 200 Hour Yoga Teacher License
American Council on Exercise, Group Fitness Instructor
RYT Certified 200-Hour Yoga Teacher

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Federation for Choral Music	2022 – Present
National Collegiate Choral Organization	2021 – Present
California Choral Directors Association	2021 – Present
National Association for Music Educators	2018 – Present
American Choral Directors Association	2015 – Present
Virginia Music Educators Association	2018 – 2021