

KATY MCNIFF

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EDUCATION

- **2016-2018, Arizona State University**
Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Masters of Music in Music Education
GPA 3.92, (anticipated graduation date, May 2018)
- **2013-2015, University of Arizona**
Fred Fox School of Music, Tucson, AZ
Master of Music in Choral Conducting
GPA 3.66, Recipient of School of Music Scholarship
- **2007-2011, University of Michigan**
School of Music, Theatre and Dance, Ann Arbor, MI
Bachelor of Music in Musicology
Principal Instrument: Voice and Conducting
Minor in Medieval Studies
Honors College Study Abroad Student, St Peter's College, Oxford University

TEACHING/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **2018-Present: Christ Presbyterian Church, Tucson AZ**
Director of Music
- **2018-Present: Leman Academy of Excellence Eastside Campus, Tucson AZ**
Music Teacher (Choir and General)
- **2015-2018: Tucson Unified Public Schools , Tucson AZ**
Arts Integration Specialist (Choir and General Music) (2017-present)
Wheeler Elementary School
Banks Elementary School
Opera Teaching Artist-OMA/Fine Arts Department (2016-2017)
Borman Elementary School-US Air Force Base
Cavett Elementary School
Cragin Elementary School
Howell Elementary School
Long-Term Substitute Teacher (2015-2016)
- **2015-Present: Audivi Vocem Conductors Choir Summer Institute, LLC, Tucson AZ**
Founder and Director
- **2015-2016 Tucson Masterworks Chorale, Tucson AZ**

Assistant Director

- **2014-2017: Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Tucson AZ**
Director of Music
- **2013-2014: Church of the Painted Hills United Church of Christ, Tucson AZ**
Interim Director of Music
- **2014-2015: Bisbee Community Chorus, Bisbee AZ**
Interim Artistic Director
- **2014-2015: University of Arizona Opera Productions, Tucson AZ**
Chorus Master
- **2014: Thompson Street Opera Company, Louisville KY**
Opera Conductor, contracted for the Spring Season
- **2013-2015: Fred Fox School of Music, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ**
Instructor, Opera Scenes Undergraduate Course
Instructor's Assistant, Undergraduate Choral Conducting Techniques
Co-Instructor, University of Arizona Undergraduate Choirs
- **2011-2013: Deborah's Stage Door School of the Performing Arts, Rochester MI**
Director of Music and Drama
- **2010-2012: Huron Hills Baptist Church, Ann Arbor MI**
Choir Director
- **2010-2011: University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance, Ann Arbor MI**
Conductor and Founder

VOCAL ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE

- **2016-2017, Arizona State University Gospel Choir, Tempe AZ**
Dr. Jason Thompson, Conductor
- **2016-2017, Arizona State University Choral Union, Tempe AZ**
Dr. David Schildkret, Conductor
- **2013-2015, The Arizona Choir, Tucson AZ**
Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, Conductor
- **2013-2014, Tucson Symphony Orchestra Chorus, Tucson AZ**
Section Leader, Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, Conductor
- **2012-2013, University Musical Society Chamber Choir, Ann Arbor MI**
Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Conductor
- **2007-2013, University Musical Society Choral Union, Ann Arbor MI**
Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Conductor
- **2010-2011, University of Michigan Chamber Choir, Ann Arbor MI**
Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Conductor
- **2008-2011, University of Michigan Early Music Choir, Ann Arbor MI**
Edward Parmentier, Conductor
- **2008-2011, University of Michigan Opera Choruses, Ann Arbor MI**
Various Conductors
- **2009-2010, University of Michigan University Choir, Ann Arbor MI**

Dr. Paul Rardin, Conductor

- **2007-2008, University of Michigan Orpheus Singers, Ann Arbor MI**

Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Conductor

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

- **2014 University of Arizona, Arizona Choir**
Dvořák Stabat Mater, Conductor, Dr. Bruce Chamberlain
Vienna, Austria and Prague, Czech Republic
- **2013 University Musical Society Chamber Choir & Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Leonard Slatkin, Carnegie Hall, New York, NY
- **2013 University Musical Society Chamber Choir & The Kings Singers**
Various Selections, Conductor, Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Ann Arbor, MI
- **2013 University Musical Society Choral Union & the University of Michigan Choirs**
Milhaud's Oresteian Trilogy, Naxos Label (Grammy Nominated , 2015)
Conductor, Dr. Ken Keisler, Ann Arbor, MI
- **2013 University Musical Society Choral Union, Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Beethoven Symphony No . 9, Conductor, Leonard Slatkin, Detroit, MI
- **2010 San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and Chorus**
Mahler Symphony No. 2, Conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas, Detroit, MI
- **2010 University Musical Society Choral Union, Michael York**
Walton's Henry V, Conductor, Sir Neville Marriner, Detroit, MI
- **2010 University Musical Society Choral Union, Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Mozart's Requiem, Conductor, Hans Graf, Detroit, MI
- **2008 University Musical Society Choral Union, Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Orff's Carmina Burana, Conductor, Leonard Slatkin, Detroit, MI

MASTERCLASSES AND CONFERENCES

- **2018 University of Michigan Choral Conducting Symposium**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **2017 Arizona American Choral Directors Association State Conference**
Mesa, Arizona
- **2017 American Choral Directors National Conference**
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **2016 Arizona American Choral Directors Association Fall Symposium**
Tempe, Arizona
- **2015 American Choral Directors National Conference**
Salt Lake City, Utah
- **2014 University of Michigan Choral Conducting Symposium**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **2014 Arizona American Choral Directors Association State Conference**
Paradise Valley, Arizona
- **2014 Chorus America Orchestral Conducting Masterclass**
Mannes College, New York City, New York

- **2013 University of Michigan Choral Conducting Symposium**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **2013 Archdiocese of Detroit Intensive Study Program, Gregorian Chant**
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit Michigan
- **2013 American Choral Directors National Conference**
Dallas, Texas
- **2012 University of Michigan Summer Seminars: Young Male Singers**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **2012 University of Michigan Choral Conducting Symposium**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **2011 American Choral Directors National Conference**
Chicago, Illinois

OTHER EXPERIENCES IN MUSIC

- **2017-2018 Tucson Girls Chorus, Tucson AZ**
Associate Conductor, Southwest Engagement Choir
- **2017-2018: Arizona Rose Opera Company**
Conductor, Tucson AZ
- **2015-Present: Arizona Music Educators Association Regionals**
Solo and Sight Reading Adjudicator, Tucson AZ
- **2010-2015: Private Music Instructor (Voice and Piano)**
- **2008-2010: Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Wyandotte MI**
Alto Section Leader and Soloist
- **2007-2008: First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti MI**
Alto Section Leader and Soloist

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Dean's and President's Honor Roll at University of Michigan (2008)*
- *Music Scholarships (undergraduate and graduate)*
- *Invitation to Arizona Honor Society*
- *Federal Pell Grant recipient*
- *Lifelong Member of Phi Theta Kappa (International Honor Society of Jr. Colleges)*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

- *CPR Certified*
- *Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card-Arizona Department of Public Safety*
- *State of Arizona Substitute Teacher Certification*
- *Teacher Certification Pending*

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Sandra Stauffer**
*Professor of Music Education and Senior Associate Dean
Arizona State University, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts*

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- **Dr. Margaret Schmidt**

Assistant Director, School of Music

Arizona State University, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts

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- **Ron Phares**

Church Minister

Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Tucson AZ

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- **David Ward**

Director of Opera Productions

Crane School of Music, State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam NY

(Former Director of Opera Productions, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ)

warddt@potsteam.edu, 315.267.2422

- **Thomas Lewis**

Program Coordinator, Department of Fine and Performing Arts

Tucson Unified Public Schools, Tucson AZ

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- **Dr. Jerry Blackstone**

Chair of Conducting and Director of Choral Activities

University of Michigan School of Music Theatre and Dance, Ann Arbor MI

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