Benjamin South

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cross-Training, Contemporary & Musical Theatre Voice, Gender Non-Confirming Voice Training

EDUCATION

Certificate in Vocology

exp. June 2024

New York University School of Professional Studies

Primary Instructors: Aaron Johnson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP; Natalie Chiapetta, M.A., CCC-SLP

Master of Music in Performance & Pedagogy

exp. May 2024

Ohio University School of Music

Primary Instructors: Daniel Stein, D.M.A. (voice), Margaret Dygas, D.M., CCC-SLP (pedagogy) Emely Phelps, D.M.A. (collaborative piano)

Bachelor of Music in Performance, summa cum laude

May 2022

University of North Alabama—Honors College

Primary Instructors: Gretchen Windt, D.M.A. (voice), Sara Lynn Baird, D.M.A. (conducting)

CERTIFICATES & TRAINING

200-Hour Multi-Style Yoga Teacher Training

Dec. 2022 - Present

YogaRenew Teacher Training

Young Artist Program

July 2023 - Aug. 2023

Red River Lyric Opera

Estill Voice Training ® Hybrid Level 1 & Level 2

June 2023

Joanna Lott, M.M., CCC-SLP; Tom Burke, CCC-SLP

Classical Voice Intensive

June 2020

New York University

Choral Conducting Intensive

June 2019

West Chester University

Summer Conducting Intensive

June 2018

Louisiana State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist Aug. 2023 - Present

Ohio University Schoolhouse Opera (Athens, OH)

- Perform the tenor roles in Figatroll & the Three Billy Goats Gruff.
- Educate elementary and middle school students about opera and classical music.
- Advocate for opera education in the curriculum of public school education.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2022 - Present

Ohio University School of Music Voice Division (Athens, OH)

- Teach applied lessons to major and non-major students in classical, musical theatre, and CCM styles.
- Teach and serve as collaborative pianist for the foundational course for first-year voice majors.
- Mentor undergraduate music majors as they develop in their artistry.

Private Voice Teacher & Coach

Aug. 2019 - Present

South Voice Studio, In-Person and Online

- Teach private lessons to students in the styles of classical, pop, jazz, rock, and musical theatre.
- Coach singers in appropriate stylization of classical, pop, jazz, rock, and musical theatre styles.
- · Coach singers lyric diction for Italian, German, French, and English.

Voice Fellow June 2022 - July 2022

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (Valparaiso, IN)

- Serve as coach and collaborative pianist for the musical theatre elective.
- Teach private voice lessons to students ranging from fourteen to eighteen years of age.
- Assist and serve as section leader in the festival choir.

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Beppe, Rita, Gaetano Donizetti
Ohio University Voice Division

April 2024

Anatole, Mallarmé, Daniel Schwartz (premiere)

Ohio University Composition Division

March 2024

Second Trio Member, Trouble in Tahiti, Leonard Bernstein

Ohio University Opera Theater

Feb. 2024

Prince Charmant, Cendrillon, Pauline Viardot
Ohio University Opera Theater

Feb. 2024

King Kaspar, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Gian Carlo Menotti *OperaJunction*Dec. 2023

Count Almaviva, Il barbiere di Siviglia, Giaochino Rossini
"Don Basilio!" Quintetto
Ohio University Opera Theater

Candide, Candide, Leonard Bernstein

"Life is Happiness Indeed...Best of All Possible Worlds"

Ohio University Opera Theater

Eddie Birdlace, Dogfight, Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

Red River Lyric Opera

July 2023

Mad Hatter (cover), Alice: An Operatic Wonderland, Amy Scurria (premiere)

Red River Lvric Opera

July 2023

Dance Captain, Alice: An Operatic Wonderland, Amy Scurria (premiere)

Red River Lyric Opera

July 2023

Theodore Laurence, *Little Women*, Mark Adamo *Ohio University Opera Theater*March 2023

Candide, Candide, Leonard Bernstein
"Make Our Garden Grow"
Ohio University Opera Theater

Count Almaviva, Il barbiere di Siviglia, Giaochino Rossini "Alfine, eccoci qua Ah! Qual colpo inaspettato!" Ohio University Opera Theater	Oct. 2022
Nemorino, The Elixir of Love, Gaetano Donizetti University of North Alabama Opera Theater	May 2022
Rinuccio, Gianni Schicci, Giacomo Puccini "Firenze e come un albero fiorito" University of North Alabama Opera Theater	Oct. 2021
Ernesto, Don Pasquale, Gaetano Donizetti "Com'é gentil" University of North Alabama Opera Theater	Oct. 2021
T-Boy , The Silver Fox, Libby Larsen University of North Alabama Opera Theater	May 2021
CONCERT Tenor Soloist, Messiah, G.F. Handel The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Athens, OH)	Dec. 2023
Guest Artist, Guest Artist Recital, Songs of Jake Heggie University of North Alabama	Aug. 2023
Tenor Soloist , Requiem, W.A. Mozart Ohio University Symphony & Choirs	April 2023
Tenor Soloist, Cantata 1, J.S. Bach The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Athens, OH)	Feb. 2023
Tenor Soloist , Cantata 172, J.S. Bach Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival	July 2022
Tenor Soloist , <i>The Chariot Jubilee</i> , Nathaniel Dett <i>Shoals Symphony</i> (Florence, AL)	Aug. 2021
Tenor Soloist , <i>Magnificat</i> , J.S. Bach Shoals Symphony (Florence, AL)	Aug. 2019
Tenor Soloist , <i>My heart is inditing</i> , G.F. Handel <i>Shoals Symphony</i> (Florence, AL)	Aug. 2019
Tenor Soloist , Cantata 147, J.S. Bach Shoals Symphony (Florence, AL)	Aug. 2018
ACHIEVEMENTS National Semifinalist in Advanced Classical TBB Voice National Association of Teachers of Singing	May 2023
Third Place in Advanced Classical TBB Voice Great Lakes Region, National Association of Teachers of Singing	Feb. 2023

Academic Achievement in Music May 2022

University of North Alabama College of Arts & Sciences

Outstanding Senior in Fine & Performing Arts May 2022

University of North Alabama College of Arts & Sciences

Promising Alumni Award May 2022

University of North Alabama Alumni Association

First Place in Upper Classical TBB Voice March 2022

Alabama Chapter, National Association of Teachers of Singing

First Place in Upper Classical TBB Voice March 2021

Alabama Chapter, National Association of Teachers of Singing

First Place in Lower Classical TBB Voice March 2020

Alabama Chapter, National Association of Teachers of Singing

COAS Travel, Research, and Education Grant May 2020

University of North Alabama College of Arts and Sciences

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Program Assistant Jan. 2023 - Present

Ohio University Vocal Wellness Program (Athens, OH)

• Greet clients, gather basic data from clients, test CIDEX, and log results from procedures.

Place microphones for acoustic analysis tasks and archive recordings in encrypted storage devices.

• Maintain confidentiality of results from clients' vocal screening and laryngoscopy.

Media Specialist Jan. 2023 - Present

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Athens, OH)

• Livestream weekly services and special services on social media platforms.

- Create weekly content for YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook and engage with followers.
- Collaborate with Rector in creating a more inclusive online presence.

Music Staff Aug. 2022 - Present

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Athens. OH)

- Sing in the choir and serve as the tenor section leader for weekly services.
- Collaborate and perform with the director of music and other music staff.
- Serve as cantor for weekly worship services, as need be.

Music Director Nov. 2023 - Dec. 2023

Ohio University School of Theatre Laboratory Shows Across the Stars, Michael Mylen

Music Director Oct. 2022 - Oct. 2023

Ohio University Opera Theater Scenes Production

- "If I Loved You," Carousel, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein
- "Sing for Your Supper," The Boys from Syracuse, Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart
- "Another Op'nin', Another Show," Kiss Me Kate, Cole Porter

Director of Music & Technology

Aug. 2020 - June 2022

East Colbert Church of Christ (Muscle Shoals, AL)

- Coordinate & plan the three services per week with the other worship staff.
- Conduct the music for each service throughout the week.
- · Livestream weekly services and special services on social media platforms.

First Tenor Aug. 2021 - Jan. 2022

Coro Vocati (Professional choir based in Atlanta, GA)

Assistant Conductor Aug. 2019 - May 2021

University of North Alabama Opera Theater

- The Silver Fox, Libby Larsen
- The Light in the Piazza, Adam Guettel
- The Turn of the Screw, Benjamin Britten

Assistant Music Director

May 2019 - July 2019

University of North Alabama Summer Theatre

• Little Shop of Horrors, Howard Ashman

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Teachers of Singing Pan-American Vocology Association Estill International Pi Kappa Lambda Sigma Alpha Pi

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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