

## Education

**Master of Music Education**, Vocal music emphasis; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2009

**Bachelor of Music Education**, Vocal music major, Spanish minor; Wartburg College, 2004

## Certification

Wisconsin Professional Educator licenses: Choral Music (6-12), General Music (PK-12), and Instrumental Music (PK-12). Valid through June 30, 2019

## Teaching Experience

- Vocal music teacher, Platteville High School, Platteville, WI August 2004-Present  
Teaching responsibilities include two curricular choirs, adaptive music, weekly voice lessons, graduation choir, solo/ensemble, clinic festivals, advisor group, lunch duty. Extra-curriculars include vocal jazz and the annual musical. Will teach guitar beginning 2016-17.

## Publications/Presentations

- "Small Town, Big Boosters: Making the most of your music booster organization," Presentation at WMEA State Conference, Madison Oct 30, 2015
- Young teacher columnist, OnWEAC In Print 2004-2006

## Related Experience

- WCDA Convention Hospitality Chair, Wausau, WI January 5-7, 2017
- Certified Adjudicator, Wisconsin School Music Association 2004-2010, 2014-Present
- Central Wisconsin Conference Honor Choir Conductor January 2011
- Graduate Assistantship, Counselor for Illinois Summer Youth Music Summers of 2008, 2009
- Choir Director, First Congregational Church, Platteville, WI Fall 2006- Spring 2009

## Professional Development

- VoiceCare Network, BodyMind Voice course Summer 2016
- Comprehensive Musicianship Through Performance, WMEA Summer 2005

## Affiliations/Memberships

- National Association for Music Education, Wisconsin Chapter Fall 2004-Present
- American Choral Directors Association, Iowa/Wisconsin Chapter Fall 2003-Present
- Wisconsin Advocates for Music Education, Steering Committee August 2015-Present

## Interests

- **Music Advocacy:** All students deserve a comprehensive, K-12 music education, taught by certified music specialists. Music and the arts are essential building blocks to well-rounded adults.
- **Music for All Learners:** Everyone can benefit from singing together. This includes students of all ability levels. Inclusion is a natural part of vocal music.
- **Lifelong Musicianship:** Music students can be lifelong musicians through participation in college, community, and church ensembles. Music students should explore the variety of careers in music and the arts.

## Projects

- Choral work commission and composer residency: *The Strange Night*, by Wisconsin composer Heidi Joosten; based on a local mystery, premiered Oct. 26, 2015. Funded by Wisconsin Arts Board and Platteville Community Fund.
- Musical theater: Director of 12 productions: *Footloose*, *Good News*, *Grease*, *How to Succeed*, *Big River*, *Willy Wonka*, *Fame*, *All Shook Up*, *Aida*, *Working*, *Tarzan* and *The Boy Friend*. Annually oversee 40 cast members, 20 crew members, and a seven-member adult production team.
- Music Technology: Two years teaching one-to-one choir with iPads. Software/apps: Finale digital notation, ForScore music PDF manager, GarageBand digital music production, *Remind* text notification system. Twitter @PvilleChoirs, class website [www.plattevillechoirs.weebly.com](http://www.plattevillechoirs.weebly.com)
- Guitar Program: Approved a Beginning Guitar course for the 2016-17 school year, funded by community grants, local boosters, and the school district.

## Global Perspective

- Four-week intensive Spanish language immersion, Cuernavaca May 2001  
Lanauge School; Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Five-week performance tour with Wartburg Choir; England, Italy, April-May 2002  
Czech Republic, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Poland, Germany, Austria
- One-week urban teaching practicum; Harlem, New York City May 2003

## References

Ms. Marcia Russell, Platteville Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, 2004-Present, (608) 342-4010

Dr. Jeff Jacobson, Platteville High School Principal, 1999-2014, (608) 732-8373

Mr. Tim Engh, Platteville High School Principal, 2014-Present, (608) 342-4020

Mr. Owen Strizic, Platteville Schools 5-12 Strings Teacher, 2002-Present (608) 342-4020

Ms. Cheryl Schober, Platteville High School English Teacher/Librarian, 1991-Present, (608) 342-4020