

Dr. Kathleen Ruhleder, mezzo-soprano
Curriculum Vita

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SPECIAL AWARDS/GRANTS

2011 Moss Performing Arts Faculty Grant

2009 Grammy Award, Best Small Ensemble (Classical), The Phoenix Chorale,
A Spotless Rose

1994 Metropolitan Opera Auditions Regional Finalist

EDUCATION

DMA, Vocal Performance, Arizona State University, 2012

MM, Vocal Performance, Arizona State University, 1994

BM, Vocal Performance, California State University at Northridge, 1991

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Full-time Faculty/Music Program Coordinator at Houston Community
College, Southwest Campus (from 2016)

Private Voice Studio (from 1991)

Freelance Musician

CLASSES CURRENTLY TEACHING AT HCC

Aural Skills

Concert Choir

Class Voice

Private Voice

Studio Class

ADDITIONAL CLASSES RECENTLY TAUGHT AT HCC

Music Appreciation

American Music

Music Fundamentals

HCC COMMITTEE/SPECIAL PROJECTS WORK

Recruiting

Applied Lessons Student Learning Outcomes Revisions

NASM Accreditation

Initiation of Choral Database Project

Core Curriculum Committee

PAST TEACHING POSITIONS

General Music Teacher, Intermountain Adventist Academy, (2015-2016)

Lecturer of Music in Voice, Colorado Mesa University (2011-2015)
Private Voice, Class Voice, Opera Scenes, Early Music Ensemble

Voice Class instructor, Creative Avenues Arts Studio (2012-2013)

Adjunct Faculty, Glendale Community College, Glendale AZ (2000-2011)
Private Voice, Class Voice, Opera/Music Theater Workshop,
Community Chorus, English and German Diction

Associate for Children's Music, Orangewood Presbyterian Church
(2004-2011)
Sunday School music, children's choir, direct children's and family
musicals, vacation Bible school music

Private Voice Instructor, Prestige Music Academy (2010-2011)

Private Voice Instructor, ASU's Herberger Institute for the Arts (2010)

Children and Youth Music Director, Women's Ensemble Director, Victory
Lutheran Church (2002-2004)

Music teacher, Desert Marigold Waldorf School (2001-2003)

Director, Intermediate and Advanced Choirs, Arizona School for the Arts
(2001-2002)

Community Chorus Director, Scottsdale Community College (2000-2001)

Children's Music Director, Velda Rose United Methodist Church (1999-2001)

Junior and Senior High Choir Director, Valley Presbyterian Church (1997-
1999)

Teaching Assistant in Voice, Arizona State University (1992-1993)

MUSIC DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

Damn Yankees, The Theatre Project, Grand Junction, CO (2014)

South Pacific, The Theatre Project, Grand Junction, CO (2013)

42nd Street, The Theatre Project, Grand Junction, CO (2013)

West Side Story, The Theatre Project, Grand Junction, CO (2013)

Yankee Doodle Dandy, Curtain Call Theater Camp (2005)

STAGE DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

A Game of Chance by Seymour Barab, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO (2014)

Opera Scenes, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO (2012 and 2015)

Annual Christmas musicals, Orangewood Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ (2004-2001)

Bi-annual Opera/Musical Theater Workshop performances, Glendale Community College, Glendale, AZ (2000-2009)

Fairies and Fantasies: scenes from opera and musical theater, Valley Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, AZ (2000)

The Prima Donna by Arthur Benjamin, Kerr Cultural Center, Scottsdale, AZ (1999)

OPERATIC ENGAGEMENTS

- 2015** The Witch, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, High Desert Opera, Grand Junction, CO (upcoming)
- Magda, Menotti's The Medium, CMU Opera, Grand Junction, CO
- 2014** Suzuki, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, High Desert Opera, Grand Junction, CO
- Mercedes, Bizet's Carmen (excerpts/concert version), Grand Junction Symphony, Grand Junction, CO
- 2013** Organizer and performer, Opera Outreach program for Chipeta Elementary School, Grand Junction, CO
- 2011** The Mother, Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors (concert version), Western Colorado Chorale, Grand Junction, CO
- 2009** Guest Artist, Arizona Opera Preview of Così fan tutte, Kerr Cultural Center, Scottsdale, AZ
- Soloist, Backstage at the Opera, an AGMA fundraiser for Arizona Opera, Tucson and Phoenix, AZ
- La Principessa Zia, Suor Angelica, Lyric Opera Theater, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Zita, Gianni Schicchi, Lyric Opera Theater, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2006** Presenter, AZ Opera Outreach's Opera in a Box, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- 2005** Ensemble, Opera Soup, Arizona Opera Outreach, various Arizona locales
- 2002** The Mother/The Witch, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, Arizona Opera Outreach, Various Arizona locales
- 2000** Cenerentola, Rossini's La Cenerentola, Arizona Opera Outreach, Various Arizona locales
- The Sandman/Director, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel (abridged), Desert Marigold School, Phoenix, AZ

OPERATIC ENGAGEMENTS CONTINUED

- 1995** Dido, Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, ASU Baroque Ensemble, Tempe, AZ
- 1993** Mother Marie, Dialogues of the Carmelites, Arizona State University Lyric Opera Theater, Tempe, AZ
- 1992** Hansel, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, Arizona State University Lyric Opera Theater, Tempe, AZ
- 1991** La Ciesca, Puccini's Gianni Schicchi, California State University at Northridge, Northridge, CA
- 1990** Cherubino, Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, Cal. State University at Northridge, Northridge, CA

ORATORIO/CHORAL SOLOIST WORK

- 2020** Alto Soloist, Honeggar's King David and J.S. Bach Cantata No. 34, Western Colorado Chorale, Grand Junction, CO
- 2019** Alto Soloist, Brahms' Alto Rhapsody, Western Colorado Chorale, Grand Junction, CO
- 2018** Alto Soloist, J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 148, Bach Society Houston, Houston, TX
- Judas, Handel's Brookes Passion, Bach Society Houston, Houston, TX
- Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Messiah Choral Society, Grand Junction, CO
- 2016** Soloist, Bach's Mass in B minor, Houston Chamber Choir, Houston, TX
- 2014** Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Messiah Choral Society, Grand Junction, CO
- 2012** Soloist, Mozart's Requiem, Grand Junction Symphony, Grand Junction, CO
- 2010** Soloist, Vivaldi's Gloria and J.S. Bach's Magnificat, Tucson Symphony Orchestra, Tucson, AZ

ORATORIO WORK CONTINUED

- 2009** Soloist, Buxtehude's Magnificat, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Avondale, AZ
- Soloist, Handel's Messiah, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Avondale, AZ
- Soloist, Rene Clausson's A New Creation, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Avondale, AZ
- 2008** Soloist, Handel's Messiah, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Avondale, AZ
- Soloist, Mozart's Coronation Mass, K. 317, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community Tour Choir, Madrid, Spain and Avondale, AZ
- Soloist, Mozart's Coronation Mass, K. 317 and Regina Coeli, Valley Arts Chorale, Paradise Valley and Scottsdale, AZ
- 2008** Soloist, Christopher Samuel's Psalms 103, Valley Chamber Chorale, Phoenix and Mesa, AZ
- 2007** Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Symphony of the Southwest (formerly Mesa Symphony), Mesa, AZ
- Soloist, Handel's Messiah, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Avondale, AZ
- 2006** Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Mesa Symphony, Mesa, AZ
- Soloist, Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix, AZ
- Soloist, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Scottsdale Symphony, Scottsdale, AZ
- Soloist/Ensemble, Solar Fire Oratorio World Premier, Solar Fire Singers, Mesa, AZ
- Soloist, Vivaldi's Gloria and Buxtehude's Magnificat, St. Thomas Aquinas Schola Cantorum, Rome, Italy and Avondale, AZ
- 2005** Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Mesa Symphony, Mesa, AZ

ORATORIO WORK CONTINUED

2002 Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Chandler High School, Chandler, AZ

Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Victory Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ

1998 Dalilah, Handel's Samson, Central Phoenix Oratorio Choir, Phoenix, AZ

Soloist, Vivaldi's Introduzione e Gloria, Phoenix Bach Choir, Phoenix, AZ

1997 Soloist, Handel's Messiah, Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix and Mesa, AZ

EARLY MUSIC CONCERTS

EARLY

2014 Bach and Handel Spectacular, Colorado Mesa University and First Presbyterian Church of Boulder, Grand Junction and Boulder, CO

2013 Guest Artist, Transitions: A Concert of Early Music, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

1994-1995 Member of the ASU Baroque Ensemble

RECITALS

2019 Collaborations! A concert of duets, trios and quartets from opera and oratorio, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

Guest Artist and organizer, Black History Month Celebration Concert, Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

These Songs are Our Songs: A Recital of Folk Music, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

2018 Guest Artist and organizer, Black History Month Celebration Concert, Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

2017 Faculty Recital, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

2016 Faculty Recital, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

RECITALS, CONTINUED

2015 Sing With the Spirit! A Sacred Song Recital, Chapel of the Cross, Cedaredge, CO; First Presbyterian Church, Grand Junction, CO; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Grand Valley, Grand Junction, CO

Music Theater Cabaret, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2014 A Recital of French Art Song and Opera, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Faculty Gala Concert, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Middle School Music Camp Faculty Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2013 Faculty Gala Concert, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Voice Faculty Recital: From the Sublime to the Ridiculous, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Liederabend; Songs of Schumann and Mahler, Faculty Artist Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Organizer and performer, Benefit Concert, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Grand Junction, CO

Middle School Music Camp Faculty Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2012 CMU Faculty Gala, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Middle School Music Camp Faculty Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Modern Masters music series, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

RECITALS CONTINUED

2011 Guest Artist, Darin Kamstra Faculty Percussion Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Modern Masters music series, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Faculty Voice Recital, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Faculty Gala Concert, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2010 Doctoral Lecture Recital: Charles Ives's Use of Hymn Tunes in his Art Songs, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Glendale Community College Faculty Recital, Glendale, AZ

Guest Artist, Michael Dauphinais Collaborative Piano Doctoral Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

2009 Guest Artist (Wolf's Italienisches Liederbuch), Wan-Yi Lo Collaborative Piano Doctoral Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Guest Artist, Jeremy Muller Doctoral Percussion Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

2008 Doctoral Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

2006 Guest Artist, Three Songs Op. 45 by Samuel Barber, The American Art Song Tradition (a recital), Kerr Cultural Center, Paradise Valley, AZ

Soloist/Lecturer, Songs of the Civil War, Glendale Public Library, Glendale, AZ

2005 Guest Artist, Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Annual Spring Recital, Chandler, AZ

GCC Faculty Recital, Glendale, AZ

2004 GCC Faculty Recital, Glendale, AZ

2002 Collaborative Artists, Music of African-American Composers Recital Project, Various AZ locales (from 2000)

RECITALS CONTINUED

1997 Guest Artist, Song Recital, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ

Guest Artist, Mamak Dahnad Collaborative Piano Master's Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

1996 Organizer and performer, La Leche League Benefit Concert, Tempe, AZ

1995 Guest Artist, Elizabeth Maben Masters Voice Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Guest Artist, Mamak Dahnad Master's Collaborative Piano Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

1994 Guest Artist, Sacred Music Recital, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ

1993 Guest Artist, Roy Hakes Master's Collaborative Piano Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Master's Voice Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Guest Artist, Sacred Music Recital, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ

1992 Master's Voice Recital, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

1991 Senior Voice Recital, Cal. State University at Northridge, Northridge, CA

1989 Junior Recital, Cal. State University at Northridge, Northridge, CA

MUSICAL THEATRE ROLES

- 2013** Dorothy Brock, 42nd Street, The Theatre Project, Grand Junction, CO
- 2012** Frau Gloop, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, The Theater Project, Grand Junction, CO
- 2011** Mother Abbess, The Sound of Music, Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, Mesa, AZ
- 2007** Domina, Sondheim's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Arizona Broadway Theater, Peoria, AZ
- 2005** Mother Abbess, The Sound of Music, Broadway Palm West Dinner Theater, Mesa, AZ
- 1997** Ensemble, Side by Side by Sondheim, TJS Productions, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1994** Amanda, The Imaginary Invalid (world premier), Tempe Little Theater, Tempe, AZ
- 1987** Hodel, Bock's Fiddler on the Roof, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

OTHER PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

- 2019** Guest Artist, The Greenbriar Consortium, Amahl and the Night Visitors (ensemble), Houston, TX.
- Acoustic Groove vocal jazz quartet, Houston, TX
- 2014** Collaborative Artist, The Enigmatic Movement Project, Grand Junction, CO
- 2012** Guest Artist, Women's Choir Concert, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- 2009** Collaborative Artist, Arizona Contemporary Music Ensemble, Tempe, AZ
- 2006** Soloist, World Premier, Ken L Fave's A Reduced History of Classical Music, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2005** Faculty Guest Artist, GCC Dance Program, Suite Hands and Feet, Glendale, AZ

PROFESSIONAL ENSEMBLES

Current:

Houston Grand Opera Chorus
Houston Bach Society
Chorus Angelorum

Past:

Houston Chamber Choir
Voces Pulchrae
Phoenix Chorale (formerly the Phoenix Bach Choir)
Phoenix Opera Chorus
Arizona Opera Chorus

