Melodia Mae Rinaldi, *performing arts educator*

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EDUCATION

Ithaca College, Master of Music in Conducting — Spring 2020
Towson University, Bachelor of Science in Music Education — Spring 2018

PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

Washington County Public Schools, Hagerstown, MD — **since 2024**
Adjudicator for Solo & Ensemble Festival
Artist in Residence at Barbara Ingram School for the Arts

- Theatre Major Voice Studio (55+ Students)
- Music Theory Instruction through Historical Performance Practice
- Ensemble Coaching

Education at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn, Kentlands, MD — **since 2023**
Curriculum Development, Content Instruction, Production Management

- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Theatre Courses for Students
- Allied Theatre Education in Collaboration with CSS
- Gaithersburg Music Makers Music: Literacy and Ensemble Education
- Lead Adjudicator and Administrator for the Young Artist Award Competition

Montgomery County Public Schools, MD — **2020-24**
Tenured Teacher at Gaithersburg Middle School

- Vocal Ensemble Director, General Music Instructor & Theatre Instructor
- Extra-Curricular Drama Club & Pop Choir Sponsor
- Sources of Strength Advisor & Conflict Resolution Facilitator

Everyman Theatre, Baltimore, MD — **2018-20**
Teaching Artist for Summer Drama Education Program, In-Person & Virtual

- Curriculum Development & Planning
- Cultivating Artistic Skills for PreK-6 Learning

Ithaca College, Department of Music, Ithaca, NY — **2018-20**
Graduate Assistant to the Choral Department under Dr. Janet Galván

- Assist, Rehearse, and Conduct Collegiate Vocal Ensembles
- Assist in Beginner and Advanced Choral Conducting for Music Majors
- Complete Degree Recitals and Comprehension Exams

Community School of Music & Arts, Ithaca, NY **2018-20**
Instruction in Theatre, Private/Group Music Lessons, & Choral Music
- Curriculum Development & Planning of Ensemble and Skill Building
- Develop Rehearsal Strategy & Conducting Concerts

Howard County Public Schools, Ellicott City, MD **2016-20**
Substitute Teacher for Elementary & Secondary Education
- Lead content-driven lessons & classroom management

Student Teaching Internship for PreK-12 Vocal/General Music
- Elementary General Music, Vocal Ensembles, & Drama Club (Hollifield Station)
- High School Group Piano & Vocal Ensembles (Howard High School)

Summer School Para Educator
- Elementary Reading & Math (Dayton Oaks ES)

Round House Theatre, Rockville, MD **2016-19**
Teaching Artist for Summer Drama Program & After-School Program
- Curriculum Development and Cultivating Artistic Skills for PreK-6

Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore, MD **2017**
Student Teaching Internship for PreK-12 Vocal/General Music
- Elementary General Music & Vocal Ensembles (Carney ES)
- Middle School General Music & Vocal Ensembles (Pikesville MS)
- High School Group Piano & Vocal Ensembles (Roland Park HS)

<u>MUSIC DIRECTING: Vocal Ensembles</u>

Music Director of the Smithsonian Associates Chorus	since 2026
Music Director of the Women's Chorus of Bethesda	since 2025
Music Director of the Gaithersburg Chorus	since 2022
Music Director of the St. Francis Episcopal Children's Voices	2024-25
Music Director of the Gaithersburg Music Makers	2024-26
Interim Music Director of the St. Francis Episcopal Choir	2023
Music Director of the Intergenerational Choir of Ithaca	2019-20
IC Treble Chorale, Graduate Conducting Assistant, *with Dr. Janet Galván*	2019-20
IC Madrigal Singers, Graduate Conducting Assistant, *with Dr. Sean Linfors*	2019
IC Chorus, Graduate Conducting Assistant, *with Dr. Janet Galván*	2018-19
Howard County Public Schools, Ellicott City, MD, Internship	2018
❖ *with Aimee Winner and Laurel Wacyk*	
Baltimore County Public School System, Baltimore, MD, Internship	2017
❖ *with Sonja Floyd, Andrew Worthington, and John Pusateri*	
Towson University, Towson, MD, Student Conductor	2017
❖ *With Arian Khaefi and Stephen Holmes*	

MUSIC DIRECTING: Theatre

Music Director, **Victorian Lyric Opera Company**, *Pirates of Penzance* 2027
Assistant Music Director, **Barbara Ingram**, *Into the Woods* 2027
Music Director, **Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society**, *The Prom* 2027
Music Director, **Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society**, *Trial by Jury* 2026
Vocal Coach, **Barbara Ingram**, *Hadestown: Teen Edition* 2026
Music Director, **Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society**, *Something Rotten* 2026
Music Director, **Kentlands Community Players**, *They're Playing Our Song* 2024

PERFORMANCE: Vocal Ensembles & Notable Performances

LUX Choir, *with Robby Napoli*, Washington, D.C. since 2021
Vermont Chamber Artists, *directed by Dr. Jessica Pierpont* 2024
Ritorna Vincitor!, *directed by James Harp*, Baltimore, MD 2022
Melodia Women's Choir of New York City, *directed by Cynthia Powell* 2021
Professional Choral Institute at Aspen Summer Music Festival 2019
- *with Seraphic Fire: Patrick Quigley, James Bass, & Robert Spano*

Opera Ithaca with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Ithaca, NY 2019
- *with Cornelia Laemmli Orth*

Considering Matthew Shepard with the Ithaca College Choir, Ithaca, NY 2019
- *with Dr. Janet Galván and Norm Johnson*

Ithaca College Choral Department, Ithaca, NY 2018-20
Towson University Early Music Department, Towson, MD 2015-17
Towson University Choral Department, Towson, MD 2014-17
Towson University Instrumental Department, MD 2014-16
White House Christmas Tour, Washington, D.C. 2013
Washington Chorus Side-By-Side Concert, Washington, D.C. 2012

PERFORMANCE: Music Ministry

Ascension & St. Agnes, Washington, D.C.	Collin Power	2026
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac, MD	John Widmann	2022-26
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ithaca, NY	Erik Kibelsbeck	2018-20
Grace Lutheran Church, Cockeysville, MD	Stephanie Armstrong	2016-18

PERFORMANCE: Theatre

Angelina, *Trial By Jury*	Victorian Lyric Opera Co.	2025
Featured Ensemble, *Frog and Toad*	Rockville Musical Theatre	2025
Ms. Pinkerton, *The Old Maid & The Thief*	Ithaca College	2019
Laetitia, *The Old Maid & The Thief*	Towson University	2017
Ms. Pinkerton, *The Old Maid & The Thief*	Towson University	2017
Thistle, *Sleeping Beauty Adaptation*	Annapolis Opera	2017
Prudence, *Cinderella Adaptation*	HUB Opera	2016

Conducting Teachers:

Dr. Janet Galván, Ithaca College, Professor Emerita
Dr. Sean Linfors, Ithaca College
Dr. Octavio Mas-Arocas, Michigan State University
Dr. Ed Maclary, University of Maryland, College Park
Dr. Stephen Holmes, Towson University
Dr. Arian Khaefi, San Diego State University

Voice Teachers:

Dr. Theresa Bickham, University of Maryland
Colleen Daly Eberhardt, Red Bridge Studios
Dr. Patrice Pastore, Ithaca College

YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAMS

Kansas City Conducting Institute 2026
- *with Charles Bruffy, Janet Galván, Jo-Michael Scheibe*

Atlanta Summer Conducting Institute 2021
- *with Dr. Deanna Joseph & Dr. Dan Bara*

University of Michigan Conducting Symposium 2021
- *with Dr. Eugene Rogers*

Chorus America Summer Conducting Academy 2021
- *with Dr. Eugene Rogers*

Graduate Conducting Recital at Ithaca College 2020
Ithaca Community School of Music & Arts, Choral Internship 2018-20
Guest Conductor of Handel's *Messiah* at Cornell University 2018

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

PreK-12 Music Education	Teacher Training
Collegiate Music Education	Drama/Theatre Instruction
Vocal Performance/Pedagogy	Stage Direction
Vocal & Piano Instruction	Choreography/Dance
Rehearsal Technique	Curriculum Writing
Classroom Management	Conflict Resolution
Virtual Instruction	Ensemble Arranging
Music Technology	Event Planning & Administration
Arranging/Composition	French Horn Performance

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

1st Prize, Helen Boatwright Award, Civic Morning Musicals, Syracuse, NY	2018
Ernst Bacon Award, Civic Morning Musicals, Syracuse, NY	2018
2nd Place, National Association of Teachers of Singing, Ithaca, NY	2018
Semi-Finalist, National Association of Teachers of Singing, Baltimore, MD	2017
1st Prize, Peggy Friedman Gordon Scholarship Music Competition, MD	2017
Henry Sanborn Scholarship Voice Competition, Towson, MD	2017
C. James Velie Memorial Scholarship Voice Competition, Towson, MD	2016-17

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Anti-Racist Educators of the Arts Learning Lab (A-REALL)	since 2023
Maryland Theatre Educators Association	since 2022
Maryland Choral Educators Association	since 2021

- ❖ *Board Member: All State Chorus Leadership, 2023-24*
- ❖ *Board Member: Middle School Chair, 2021-22*

Chorus America	since 2019
MSDE Board Certification	since 2018
American Choral Directors Association	since 2014
Maryland Music Educators Association	since 2014
National Association for Music Educators	since 2014

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Travel Grant, Ithaca College	2019
Academic Challenge Grant, Ithaca College	2019
Graduate Travel Grant, Ithaca College	2018
Graduate Assistantship in the Choral Department, Ithaca College	2018
Jack Tolbert Memorial Music Scholarship, Towson University	2017
Alexander E. Sidorowicz Memorial Music Scholarship, Towson University	2016
Mary Fyff Chiswell Class of 1922 Music Scholarship, Towson University	2016
Sylvia & Irving H. Cohen Music Scholarship, Towson University	2015