

## **Melodia Mae Rinaldi, music 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

### TEACHING/INSTRUCTION

**Montgomery County Public School, MD** **Fall 2020**  
**Vocal Ensemble Director and General Music Instructor** at Gaithersburg Middle School

- Vocal Ensembles, General Music Rotation
- After-School Ensembles, “Cantus” and “Treble Chorale”

**Everyman Theatre, Baltimore, MD** **2019-present**

**Teaching Artist** for Summer Drama Education Program

- Curriculum Development and Planning (In-Person and Virtual)
- Cultivating Artistic Skills for PreK-6 Learning (In-Person and Virtual)

**Ithaca College, Department of Music, Ithaca, NY** **2018-20**

**Graduate Assistant** for Choral Department

- Co-Direct the Campus Chorus Ensemble
- Assist in Choral Conducting for Music Majors
- Assist in Advanced Choral Conducting for Music Majors
- Assist in Major Ensembles through rehearsal

**Community School of Music and Arts, Ithaca, NY** **2018-20**

**Private Instructor** of piano and voice

- Hold weekly private lessons for beginning piano students

**Teaching Artist** of music and drama classes

- Curriculum Development and Planning
- Weekly Group Piano for Kids Sessions
- Beginning Improvisation Workshop

**Internship** with the Ithaca Children and Youth Chorus

- Develop Rehearsal Strategy and Conducting Concerts
- Lead Skill Building Activities
- Behavior Management

**Howard County Public Schools, Ellicott City, MD** **2016-20**

**Substitute Teacher** for elementary and secondary education

- Lead content driven lessons and behavior management

**Student Teaching Internship** for PreK-12 Vocal/General Music

- Elementary General Music, Vocal Ensembles, and Drama Club
- Middle School General Music and Vocal Ensembles
- High School Group Piano and Vocal Ensembles

**Round House Theatre, Rockville, MD** **2016-19**  
*Teaching Artist* for Summer Drama Program / After-School Substitute

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

**Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore, MD** **2017**  
*Student Teaching Internship* for PreK-12 Vocal/General Music

- Elementary General Music and Vocal Ensembles
- High School Group Piano and Vocal Ensembles

CONDUCTING

**Chorus America Summer Conducting Academy** **Summer 2021**

**Graduate Conducting Recital at Ithaca College** **March 2020**  
 with the Ithaca College Choir and Treble Chorale

**Intergenerational Choir of Ithaca, Music Director** **2019-20**

**Ithaca Community School of Music and Arts, Choral Internship** **2018-20**

**Cornell University, Guest Conductor of Handel’s “Messiah”** **2018**

**Ithaca College Treble Chorale, Graduate Conducting Assistant** **2019-20**  
*Carol Barnett – “Remember the Ladies”*

**Ithaca College Madrigal Singers, Graduate Conducting Assistant** **2019**  
*Bach – “Crucifixus” from the B Minor Mass*

**Ithaca College Chorus, Graduate Conducting Assistant** **2018-19**  
*Elaine Hagenburg – “O Love”*  
*Stephen Paulus – “Silent Night”*

**Howard County Public School System, Ellicott City, MD, Internship** **2018**  
*René Clausen – “Set Me As A Seal”*

**Towson University, Towson, MD, Student Conductor** **2017**  
*Felix Mendelssohn – “Verleih uns Frieden”*

**Baltimore County Public School System, Baltimore, MD, Internship** **2017**

PERFORMANCE: Vocal Ensembles and Notable Performances

**St. Luke Lutheran Church Choir, Ithaca, NY** **2020**

W.A. Mozart *Missa Brevis in D* Erik Kibelsbeck

Allegri *Miserere, soli* Erik Kibelsbeck

**Professional Choral Institute at Aspen Summer Music Festival, CO** **2019**

Gustav Mahler *Symphony 2 “The Resurrection”* Robert Spano

J.S. Bach 106 *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* Robert Spano

Morten Lauridsen *Lux Aeterna* Patrick Dupree Quigley

Jeffrey Van *A procession Winding Around Me* Dr. James Bass

**Opera Ithaca with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, NY** **2019**

Giacomo Puccini *La Bohème* Cornelia Laemmlli Orth

**Ithaca College Choral Department, NY****2018-20**

Bernstein	<i>Chichester Psalms</i>	Dr. Octavio Mas-Arocas
Arvo Pärt	<i>Magnificat</i>	Dr. Janet Galván
J.S. Bach	<i>Herr, deine Augen</i>	Dr. Sean Linfors
Morten Lauridsen	Selections of the “ <i>Fire Madrigals</i> ”	Dr. Sean Linfors
Craig Hella Johnson	<i>Considering Matthew Shepard</i>	Dr. Janet Galván
Ariel Ramírez	<i>Misa Criolla</i>	Dr. Sean Linfors

**Towson University Chorale, MD****2014-17**

W.A. Mozart	<i>Requiem, soprano soloist</i> with the Towson University Orchestra	Dr. Arian Khaefi
R.V. Williams	<i>Serenade to Music</i> with the Towson University Orchestra	Dr. Christopher Cicconi
Frank Tichelli	<i>Angels in the Architecture, soloist</i> with the Towson University Wind Ensemble	Dr. Christopher Cicconi
Gustav Mahler	<i>Symphony No. 2 “The Resurrection”</i> with the Morgan State Choir and Montclair State Orchestra	Dr. Julien Benichou
Adolphus Hailstork	<i>I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes</i> with the Morgan State Choir and Montclair State Orchestra	Dr. Eric Conway

## PERFORMANCE: Music in Worship Positions

St. Luke Lutheran Church	Ithaca, New York	Erik Kibelsbeck
Grace Lutheran Church	Cockeysville, Maryland	Stephanie Armstrong
St. Joseph Catholic Church	Cockeysville, Maryland	Lynn Trapp
Roland Park Presbyterian	Roland Park, Maryland	Phillip Collister

## PERFORMANCE: Operatic Roles

Ms. Pinkerton	The Old Maid and the Thief	Ithaca College	<b>2019</b>
Laetitia	The Old Maid and the Thief	Towson University	<b>2017</b>
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‘Thistle’	Sleeping Beauty Adaptation	Annapolis Opera	<b>2017</b>
Leila	Iolanthe	Young Victorian Theatre Co.	<b>2017</b>
‘Prudence’	Cinderella Adaptation	Annapolis Opera	<b>2016</b>
Isabelle	Pirates of Penzance	Young Victorian Theatre Co.	<b>2016</b>

## Principle Teachers:

Dr. Janet Galván, Ithaca College, [galvanj@ithaca.edu](mailto:galvanj@ithaca.edu)  
 Dr. Dean Linfors, Ithaca College, [slinfors@ithaca.edu](mailto:slinfors@ithaca.edu)  
 Dr. Patrice Pastore, Ithaca College, [ppastore@ithaca.edu](mailto:ppastore@ithaca.edu)  
 Dr. Octavio Mas-Arocas, Michigan State University  
 Dr. Stephen Holmes, Towson University, [sholmes@towson.edu](mailto:sholmes@towson.edu)  
 Dr. Theresa Bickham, University of North Carolina Greensboro  
 Dr. Arian Khaefi, San Diego State University, [akhaefi@sdsu.edu](mailto:akhaefi@sdsu.edu)

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Elementary Music Education  
Secondary Music Education  
Higher Music Education  
Rehearsal Technique  
Behavior Management  
Virtual Instruction  
Conducting Technique  
Vocal Performance/Pedagogy

## OTHER SKILLS

Basic Video/Audio Mixing & Mastering  
French Horn Performance  
Vocal/Piano Instruction  
Choreography/Dance  
Curriculum Writing  
Teacher Training  
Drama/Theater  
Ensemble Arranging

## COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

**First Prize, Helen Boatwright Award**, Civic Morning Musicals, Syracuse, NY **2018**  
**Ernst Bacon Award**, Civic Morning Musicals, Syracuse, NY **2018**  
**Second Place**, National Association of Teachers Singing, Ithaca, NY **2018**  
**Semi-Finalist**, National Association of Teachers Singing, Baltimore, MD **2017**  
**First Prize**, Peggy Friedman Gordon Scholarship Music Competition **2017**  
**Henry Sandborn Scholarship Voice Competition**, Towson, MD **2017**  
**C. James Velie Memorial Scholarship Voice Competition**, Towson, MD **2017**  
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chorus America since **2019**  
America Choral Directors Association since **2014**  
National Association for Music Educators since **2014**

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Graduate Travel Fund**, Ithaca College **2019**  
**Academic Challenge Grant**, Ithaca College **2019**  
**Graduate Travel Fund**, 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**

## LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

**Maryland Educator Certificate** **2018**