

## **Melodia Mae Rinaldi, conductor**

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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 EDUCATOR**

**Washington County Public Schools, Hagerstown, MD** **since 2024**

*Adjudicator for Solo & Ensemble Festival and All State Choir Auditions*

*Artist in Residence at Barbara Ingram School for the Arts*

- Theatre Major Voice Studio
- Music Theory Instructions through Historical Performance Practice
- Ensemble Coaching

**Arts Barn Performing Arts Classes, Gaithersburg, 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)

## **CONDUCTING & MUSIC DIRECTING**

**Music Director of the Smithsonian Associates Chorus** **since 2026**

**Music Director of LUNA Women's Chorus of Bethesda** **since 2025**

**Music Director of the St. Francis Episcopal Children's Voices** **since 2025**

**Music Director of the Gaithersburg Music Makers** **since 2024**

**Music Director of the Gaithersburg Chorus** **since 2022**

Music Director; Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society, *Something Rotten* 2026

Vocal Coach; Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, *Hadestown: Teen Edition* 2026

Music Director; Kentlands Community Players, *They're Playing Our Song* 2024

Interim Director of the St. Francis Episcopal Choir 2023

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

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

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

Graduate Conducting Recital at Ithaca College 2020

Music Director of the Intergenerational Choir of Ithaca 2019-20

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

Guest Conductor of Handel's <i>Messiah</i> at Cornell University	2018
IC Treble Chorale, Graduate Conducting Assistant, <i>with Dr. Janet Galván</i>	2019-20
IC Madrigal Singers, Graduate Conducting Assistant, <i>with Dr. Sean Linfors</i>	2019
IC Chorus, Graduate Conducting Assistant <i>with Dr. Janet Galván</i>	2018-19
Howard County Public Schools, Ellicott City, MD, Internship	2018
❖ <i>with Aimee Winner and Laurel Wacyk</i>	
Towson University, Towson, MD, Student Conductor	2017
❖ <i>With Arian Khaefi and Stephen Holmes</i>	
Baltimore County Public School System, Baltimore, MD, Internship	2017
❖ <i>with Sonja Floyd, Andrew Worthington, and John Pusateri</i>	

### **PERFORMANCE: Vocal Ensembles & Notable Performances**

<b>LUX Choir, <i>directed by Robby Napoli</i>, Washington D.C.</b>	<b>since 2021</b>
Vermont Chamber Artists, <i>directed by Dr. Jessica Pierpont</i> , Tunbridge, VT	2024
Ritorna Vincitor!, <i>directed by James Harp</i> , Baltimore, MD	2022
Melodia Women's Choir of New York City, <i>directed by Cynthia Powell</i>	2021
Professional Choral Institute at Aspen Summer Music Festival, Aspen, CO	2019
<i>with Seraphic Fire: Patrick Quigley, James Bass, &amp; Robert Spano</i>	
Opera Ithaca with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Ithaca, NY	2019
<i>with Cornelia Laemmli Orth</i>	
Considering Matthew Shepard with the Ithaca College Choir, Ithaca, NY	2019
<i>with Dr. Janet Galván and Norm Johnson</i>	
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**

St. Francis Episcopal Church	Potomac, Maryland	John Widmann
St. Louis Roman Catholic Parish	Clarksville, Maryland	Terry Eberhardt
St. Luke Lutheran Church	Ithaca, New York	Erik Kibelsbeck
Grace Lutheran Church	Cockeysville, Maryland	Stephanie Armstrong
St. Joseph Catholic Church	Cockeysville, Maryland	Dr. Lynn Trapp
Roland Park Presbyterian	Roland Park, Maryland	Dr. Phillip Collister

## **PERFORMANCE: Operatic and Musical Theatre**

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

## **Conducting Teachers:**

Dr. Janet Galván, Ithaca College, [galvanj@ithaca.edu](mailto:galvanj@ithaca.edu)

Dr. Sean Linfors, Ithaca College, [slinfors@ithaca.edu](mailto:slinfors@ithaca.edu)

Dr. Octavio Mas-Arocas, Michigan State University, [masaroca@msu.edu](mailto:masaroca@msu.edu)

Dr. Ed Maclary, University of Maryland, College Park, [emaclary@umd.edu](mailto:emaclary@umd.edu)

Dr. Stephen Holmes, Towson University, [sholmes@towson.edu](mailto:sholmes@towson.edu)

Dr. Arian Khaefi, San Diego State University, [akhaefi@sdsu.edu](mailto:akhaefi@sdsu.edu)

## **Voice Teachers:**

Dr. Theresa Bickham, University of Maryland, [tbickham@umd.edu](mailto:tbickham@umd.edu)

Colleen Daly Eberhardt, Red Bridge Studios, [colleendaly.com](http://colleendaly.com)

Dr. Patrice Pastore, Ithaca College, [ppastore@ithaca.edu](mailto:ppastore@ithaca.edu)

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS and EXPERIENCES**

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 Singing, Ithaca, NY	2018
Semi-Finalist, National Association of Teachers 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 & 2017

## **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
❖ <i>Board Member: All State Chorus Leadership, 2023-24</i>	
❖ <i>Board Member: Middle School Chair, 2021-22</i>	
Chorus America	since 2019
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

## **LICENSES & CERTIFICATION**

Maryland Educator Certificate 2018-25