

# 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 EDUCATOR

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

**2024**

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

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

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

**Gaithersburg Arts Barn Theatre Classes, Gaithersburg, MD**

**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*

- 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)

**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)
- Middle School General Music & Vocal Ensembles (Pikesville)
- High School Group Piano & Vocal Ensembles (Roland Park)

**CONDUCTING & MUSIC DIRECTING**

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

**Music Director of LUNA Women's Chorus of Bethesda** **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 Production of *Something Rotten* 2026

Music Director; Kentlands Community Players Production of *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 2019-2020

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

Guest Conductor of Handel's "Messiah" at Cornell University 2018

IC Treble Chorale, Graduate Conducting Assistant, *with Dr Janet Galván* 2019-20

IC Madrigal Singers, Graduate Conducting Assistant, *with Dr Sean Linfors* 2019

IIC 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*

Towson University, Towson, MD, Student Conductor 2017

- ❖ *With Arian Khaefi and Stephen Holmes*

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

- ❖ *with Sonja Floyd, Andrew Worthington, and John Pusateri*

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

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| <b>LUX Choir, <i>directed by Robby Napoli</i></b>  | <b>2021-present</b> |
| Vermont Chamber Artists, <i>directed by Dr Jessica Pierpont</i>  | 2024                |
| Ritorna Vincitor!, <i>directed by James Harp</i>   | 2022                |
| Melodia Women's Choir of New York City, <i>directed by Cynthia Powell</i>  | 2021                |
| Professional Choral Institute at Aspen Summer Music Festival<br><i>with Seraphic Fire: Patrick Quigley, James Bass, &amp; Robert Spano</i> | 2019                |
| Opera Ithaca with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, NY<br><i>with Cornelia Laemmli Orth</i>  | 2019                |
| Ithaca College Choral Department, NY   | 2018-20             |
| Towson University Early Music Department, MD   | 2015-17             |
| Towson University Choral Department, MD  | 2014-17             |
| Towson University Instrumental Department, MD  | 2014-16             |
| White House Christmas Tour   | 2013                |
| Washington Chorus Side-By-Side Christmas Concert   | 2012                |

## **PERFORMANCE: Music Ministry**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 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**

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

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. 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:**

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

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

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

### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS and EXPERIENCES**

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

### **COMPETITIONS & AWARDS**

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| 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       | 2017 |
| C. James Velie Memorial Scholarship Voice Competition, Towson, MD       | 2016 |

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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| Anti-Racist Educators of the Arts Learning Lab (A-REALL)    | since 2023 |
| Maryland State Arts Council                                 | 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**

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| 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**

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| Maryland Educator Certificate 2018-25 |
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