

JOEL PIERCE, A.G.O.

EDUCATION **FRED FOX SCHOOL OF MUSIC (UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA) – TUCSON, AZ – 2015 - 2017**

Master of Music, Organ Performance/Sacred Music
Primary instructor: Dr. Pamela Decker

Summa Cum Laude, GPA 4.0

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA – TUCSON, AZ – 2008 - 2012

Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance
Primary instructor: Dr. Paula Fan

Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.8

EMPLOYMENT **Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Green Valley, AZ**

HISTORY Contemporary Worship Leader
2014 to Present

- Lead contemporary services from the keyboard.
- Direct the contemporary praise group “S.A.L.S.A”
- Select/arrange appropriate music for the contemporary services.

Valley Presbyterian Church (USA), Green Valley, AZ

Director of Music/Organist/Pianist/Director of Handbells/Worship Leader
***2012 to 2016 (Assistant Director), *2016 to Present (Director of Music)**

- Accompany services, choir rehearsals, funerals, and special services (organ and piano).
- Direct choir.
- Lead music and select/arrange appropriate music for “The Source” worship service, including praise band and Taizé services.
- Direct and select appropriate music for the “Valley Ringers” bell choir.
- Maintain libraries for “The Source” musical groups and the “Valley Ringers” bell choir.
- Teach music to children ages 5 – 12 as part of the “Joyful Noise Academy.”
- Manage and oversee all aspects of the “Music in the Valley” concert series.
- Manage and oversee the “Music in the Valley” scholarship program.

Arizona Repertory Theatre (Independent Contractor), Tucson, AZ

Pianist

2011 to Present

- Accompany musical theatre productions.

Pierce Piano Studio, Vail, AZ

Private Piano Instructor

2007 to Present

- Provide private piano instruction to children, teens, and young adults in the Vail and Tucson areas.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Tucson, AZ

Pianist/Director of Sunday Evening Mass

2004 to Present

- Accompany masses, choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and special services, including monthly Taizé services.
- Direct and select appropriate music for the Sunday evening mass.

- Co-direct praise band “Bound By Grace.”
- Direct all children and adult choirs as needed.
- Cantor as needed.
- Play organ as needed.

Christ the King Catholic Community, Tucson, AZ

Pianist/Organist

2009 – 2013

- Accompany masses, choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and special services.
- Substitute director as needed.
- Cantor as needed.

Sunrise Chapel, Tucson, AZ

Pianist/Organist

2003 – 2008

- Accompany services, choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and special services.
- Cantor as needed.

St. Gianna Latin Mass, Tucson, AZ

Organist

2003 – 2007

- Accompany masses, rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and special services.

PROFESSIONAL 2014 to Present

EXPERIENCE

- Conductor for productions at Arizona Repertory Theatre (University of Arizona) as needed.

2012 to Present

- Present recitals (liturgical and secular) for groups/events at Valley Presbyterian Church.

2008 to Present

- Lesson and recital accompanist for music students (vocal and instrumental) at the University of Arizona.

2007 to Present

- Private piano instructor.
- Rehearsal and concert accompanist for Desert Sky Middle School choirs.

2006 to Present

- Accompanist for all musical theatre productions at Cienega High School.

2005 to Present

- Rehearsal and concert accompanist for Cienega High School choirs.

2003 to Present

- Freelance music copyist.

2016

- Keyboardist for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra (Carmina Burana)
- Keyboardist (harpsichord) for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra (Corelli concerti)

2014

- Arranged/Edited complete keyboard book for University of Arizona production of "Oklahoma!"
- Keyboardist for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra (Aaron Copland Symphony)

2013

- CD release, "Melange" (hymn arrangements, classical, jazz, original composition).
- Pianist for University of Arizona "Encore" performances.
- Arranged/Edited complete keyboard two book for University of Arizona production of "Nine."
- Accompanist for St. Gregory Preparatory School production of "Les Miserables."

2008 – 2012

- Rehearsal and concert accompanist for various University of Arizona choirs.

2012

- Pianist for master class taught by Marvin Hamlisch.
- Accompanist for Fine Arts Youth Academy production of "Aida."
- Senior Piano Recital.

2011

- Accompanist for Summer On Stage production of "Chicago."

2009

- Rehearsal and concert accompanist for University of Arizona doctoral candidate's presentation.

2007

- Accompanist for Rincon High School production of "Into the Woods."

2004 – 2006

- Violinist with the Tucson Philharmonia.

2006

- Rehearsal and concert accompanist for La Cholla High School.

HONORS AND AWARDS 2015 – 2017**AWARDS**

- Mildred Flood Mahoney Memorial Scholarship

2012 – 2013

- Olive Dike Music Scholarship

2008 – 2012

- Fine Arts Resident Achievement Tuition Award Scholarship
- University of Arizona Dean's List

2007 – 2008

- Arizona All-State Choir, Bass (3rd chair)

REFERENCES (available upon request)