

# ***CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ, baritone***

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 2022-Present

- Provide instruction to a studio of concentration and secondary voice students
- Develop comprehensive curriculum, including appropriate repertoire selection and preparing students for juries, proficiencies and recitals
- Lead group voice classes for non-music majors, introducing them to fundamental vocal techniques and promoting a deeper appreciation for vocal functions
- Responsible for setting up and recording all Departmental Recitals
- Collaborate with Division of Vocal Studies Chair, actively supporting various tasks and initiatives as needed

Director, Education Unlimited, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2023-Present

- Lead and manage all aspects of the Education Unlimited program at the University of California Berkeley, overseeing its successful operation
- Oversee the implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance the program's effectiveness and meet educational objectives
- Supervise and assist in training a team of instructors and support staff to provide a high-quality educational experience for students
- Assist in the implementation of innovative curriculum and learning activities to foster intellectual growth and stimulate critical thinking among participants
- Establish and maintain strong relationships with parents, students, and stakeholders, addressing their concerns and providing regular updates on program activities
- Evaluate program outcomes and implement continuous improvement measures to enhance the quality of the program and meet student expectations.

Bass Staff Singer, First Presbyterian Church of Denton, Denton, TX 2021-Present

- Perform as Bass staff singer in Professional First Presbyterian Chancel Choir
- Participate in weekly rehearsals, Sunday calls and additional solo engagements
- Demonstrate high level proficiency in reading and interpreting choral literature
- Collaborate with Chancel Choir singers and guests to achieve an ideal worship environment

Opera Research Assistant, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 2022-23

- Conducted extensive research to evaluate feasibility and success of travelling opera productions examining over 100 companies and universities
- Presented well-researched findings on the viability of travelling opera for the Schulze Foundation Grant showcasing a comprehensive understanding of the industry and its potential challenges and opportunities
- Played a key role in the editing process of a new Spanish language libretto of Carmen during the 2023 UNT Opera Tour, ensuring linguistic accuracy and cultural sensitivity
- Collaborated with Director of Opera, Jonathan Eaton, contributing valuable insights and assisting in the development of innovating strategies for opera production and touring

Private Voice Teacher, R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton, TX 2021-22

- Taught voice to approximately 15 students of R.L. Turner High School.
- Focused on voice fundamentals and sight-reading in order to gain greater overall strength in vocal production.
- Created curriculum and preparation for All-State auditions, college audition requirements, and a biannual recital.
- Collaborated with directors to provide expertise in lyrical diction and assistance within the choral ensemble.

Voice and Piano Teacher, United Conservatory of Music, Fresno, CA 2018-21

- Provided comprehensive instruction in voice and piano to a diverse student body of approximately 35 individuals at UCM
- Developed well-rounded and tailored curriculum for both one-on-one and group lessons
- Prepared students for semi-annual recitals, guiding in repertoire selections, honing performance skills and stage confidence
- Adapted teaching methods to accommodate both in-person and virtual instruction utilizing platforms like Zoom

Grader, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA 2020-21

- Assessed and graded assignments and papers for music appreciation courses
- Provided constructive feedback and guidance to students to enhance their understanding of the musical material
- Maintained accurate records of grades and communications
- Communicated with Professor Nathan Sobieralski to ensure consistency in grading and evaluation

Cantor, St. John's Cathedral, Fresno, CA 2018-20

- Assumed responsibility for preparing all music for a variety of liturgical services
- Demonstrated proficiency in singing in English, Spanish and Latin, catering to the diverse linguistic needs of the Mass
- Facilitated active participation of the congregation by leading and guiding liturgical responses
- Exhibited strong understanding of liturgical traditions to incorporate appropriate musical selections in services
- Maintained a high standard of musical excellence and reverence to enhance the spiritual atmosphere of the Cathedral

Choral Librarian, California State University, Fresno, CA 2016-18

- Organized and managed Fresno State Choral Music Library
- Managed the loaning and returning of music materials to all Fresno State Choir ensemble members
- Assisted in ordering new repertoire and music materials
- Collaborated with Director of Choral Activities to ensure smooth workflow and efficient rehearsals

Bass Staff Singer, Church of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Fresno, CA 2014-15

- Performed as Bass staff singer in the Holy Family Episcopal Church choir
- Participated in all rehearsals, sectionals and special monthly Taizé services
- Demonstrated proficiency in Lyrical Diction in multiple languages including, English, French, Spanish, German and more
- Collaborated with volunteer singers as well as other staff singers to achieve ensemble cohesion and quality performances

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Musical Arts**, Vocal Performance with a Related Field in Vocal Coaching, University of North Texas, Expected May 2024

**Master of Arts**, Vocal Performance with Distinction, California State University, Fresno, May 2021 GPA: 4.0

**Bachelor of Arts**, Vocal Performance, California State University, Fresno, May 2019

**Young Artist Program** Lingua e Canto, Sant'Angelo in Vado, Italy, Summer 2017

## PERFORMANCES

### OPERA AND MUSICAL THEATER ROLES

Pandolfe	Cendrillon	UNT Opera	2023
Aeneas	Dido and Aeneas	UNT	2023
Dancaire (Spanish)	Carmen	New Generation Opera	2023

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Baritone Greek Chorus	Annabel, Kavasch/Bunney-Sarhad	Opera Modesto	2023
Shadow Edgar	Tell Tale Heart, Copeland	Opera Modesto	2023
Figaro	Le nozze di Figaro	LAH-SOW	2022
Papageno	Die Zauberflöte	LAH-SOW	2022
Sam	Trouble in Tahiti	UNT Opera	2022
Narciso	Bless Mi Ultima	Opera Modesto	2022
Stanton	State of Jefferson	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2020
Everybody	Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2019
Ufficiale	Rigoletto	Opera Modesto	2019
The Bonze	Madama Butterfly	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2019
Don Alhambra	The Gondoliers	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2018
Papageno	Die Zauberflöte	Fresno Pacific University	2018
Dr. Falke	Die Fledermaus	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2017
Everybody	Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2016
Superintendent Budd	Albert Herring	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2015
Zuniga	Carmen	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2015

### COVERS

Count Almaviva (cover)	Le nozze di Figaro	UNT Opera	2022
Sancho (cover)	Dulcinea	Opera Modesto	2022
Tenorio (cover)	Bless Mi Ultima	Opera Modesto	2022
Sharpless (cover)	Madama Butterfly	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2019

### SCENES

Luther Billis	South Pacific	UNT	2023
Maximillian	Candide	UNT	2023
Voltaire	Candide	UNT Opera	2023
Prince Andrei Bolkonsky	War and Peace	UNT Opera	2023
Schaunard	La bohème	UNT Opera	2022
Figaro	Le nozze di Figaro	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2021
Don Alfonso	Così fan tutte	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2021
The Baker	Into the Woods	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2020
Don Giovanni	Don Giovanni	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2020
Demetrius	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2020
Papageno (English)	Die Zauberflöte	Fresno Pacific University	2018
Zurga	Les pêcheurs de perles	Fresno Pacific University	2018
Mr. Olsen	Street Scene	Fresno Pacific University	2018
John Buchanan Jr.	Summer and Smoke	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2018
Maximillian	Candide	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2018
Figaro	Le nozze di Figaro	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2017
Alidoro	La Cenerentola	Lingua e Canto	2017
Count Almaviva	Le nozze di Figaro	Lingua e Canto	2017
Newspaper Editor	Rappahannock County	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2016
Grandpa Moss	The Tender Land	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2016

### ORATORIO/ORCHESTRAL/CHAMBER SOLOIST

Bass Soloist	Oratorium, Milczinsky	Fantasm Ensemble	2023
Bass Soloist	Jonas, Carissimi	Denton Bach Society	2023
Bass Soloist	Esther, Charpentier	Denton Bach Society	2023
Bass Soloist	Messiah, Handel	Denton Bach Society	2022
Baritone Soloist	Eight Songs for a Mad King, Davies	UNT Nova Ensemble	2022
Baritone Soloist	Requiem, Herbert Howells	First Presbyterian Chancel Choir	2022
Baritone Soloist	Es war aber an der Stätte, Geist	UNT Early Chamber Music	2022
Bass Soloist	Per questa bella mano, Mozart	UNT Chamber Music	2022
Baritone Soloist	Selections from Henry Purcell	North Texas Baroque Orchestra	2022
Baritone Soloist	Aventures, Ligeti	UNT Nova Ensemble	2021

Baritone Soloist	Requiem, Duruflé	Fresno State	2019
Baritone Soloist	Jesu Joy and Treasure, Buxtehude	St John's Cathedral	2019
Baritone Soloist	Requiem, Fauré	St John's Cathedral	2018
Bass Soloist	Liebeslieder-Walzer	Fresno State	2018

### RECITAL SINGER

Guest Artist, Nashville, TN	SongFest for Alan Louis Smith	ChoEun Lee, piano	2023
Featured Artist, Arlington, TX	West Main Arts Festival/Mozart	Alfred Situmorang, piano	2023
Guest Artist, Denton, TX	UNT Opera Fans Benefit	Sara Steele, piano	2023
Guest Artist, Denton, TX	Robson Ranch MT selections	Stephen Dubberly, piano	2023
Featured Artist, UNT Recital Hall	Dichterliebe/ Of Laughter - Heggie	Jun Guo, piano	2023
Featured Artist, UNT Voertman Hall	Dichterliebe	Bora Cho, piano	2023
Featured Artist, UNT Recital Hall	Alan Louis Smith/Faure	Chiao-Ju Hung, piano	2023
Guest Artist, UNT Recital Hall	Maria Grever selections	Stephen Dubberly, piano	2023
Guest Artist, Allen Civic Center	Papageno Aria/Duets	Imre Patkái, piano	2023
Featured Artist, Dallas, TX	Salon Concert Opera Arlington	Colleen Matthew, piano	2023
Solo Recital, Denton, TX	DMA Recital	Imre Patkái, piano	2023
Featured Artist, Arlington, TX	Opera Arlington Christmas Gala	Jacqui Chen, piano	2023
Guest Artist, Denton, TX	Salon Concert Christmas	Stephen Carey, piano	2022
Guest Artist, UNT Recital Hall	Remembering Sierra/Strauss	Stephen Dubberly, piano	2022
Guest Artist, Denton, TX	Salon Concert Christmas	Stephen Carey, piano	2022
Featured Artist, Selma, CA	FCC Concert Series Rodriguez and Friends	Jordan Williams, piano	2021
Solo Recital, Fresno, CA	Masters Recital	Jordan Williams, piano	2021
Featured Artist, Selma, CA	Voces del Valle Collaborative Recital	Jordan Williams, piano	2021
Featured Artist, Fresno, CA	Night of Song Dichterliebe Recital	Lenore Hiebert, piano	2020
Guest Artist, Fresno, CA	An Evening of Russian Art Song	Drew Quiring, piano	2019
Solo Recital, Selma, CA	FCC Concert Series Valentines	Jordan Williams, piano	2019
Solo Recital, Fresno, CA	Senior Recital	Drew Quiring, piano	2018
Guest Artist, Sant'angelo in Vado, Italy	Aria Concert	Donna Loewy, piano	2017
Guest Artist, Urbania, Italy	Italian Song Concert	Hatem Nadim, piano	2017
Solo Recital, McFarland, CA	Italian Benefit Concert	Jordan Williams, piano	2017

### CHORAL SINGER

Chorus	Lafayette Musicians	Matthieu du Motier	2023-
Chorus	Dallas Chamber Choir	Jon Culpepper	2022
Soloist and Chorus	First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir	Jacob Augsten	2021-
Soloist and Chorus	St. John's Cathedral Cantors	Dale Fleck	2018- 20
Soloist and Chorus	Fresno State Chamber Singers	Dr. Cari Earnhart	2016- 19
Soloist and Chorus	Fresno State Concert Choir	Dr. Cari Earnhart	2016- 18
Soloist and Chorus	Willow Mennonite Church Choir,	Dr. Tony Mowrer	2017
Soloist and Chorus	Fresno State Men's Choir	Dr. Cari Earnhart	2017
Chorus	Legend of Zelda: Symphony of Goddesses	Eimear Noone	2016
Soloist and Chorus	Fresno State Concert Choir	Dr. Anna Hamre	2014- 16
Soloist and Chorus	Fresno State Chamber Singers	Dr. Tony Mowrer	2014- 16
Soloist and Chorus	Church of the Holy Family	Sherah Moore	2014- 15

### RECORDING

Recording Artist, Olomouc, Czechia	Czech National Radio Premiere Recording	Fantasm Ensemble	2023
Recording Artist, UNT Voertman Hall	The Time for Making Songs Has Come	Imre Pátkai, piano	2023
Recording Artist, Fresno, CA	Premiere Stanley in State of Jefferson	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2020
Recording Artist, Fresno, CA	Lucinda y Las Flores de la Nochebuena	Fresno State Opera Theatre	2016

## CONDUCTORS, DIRECTORS, VOICE TEACHERS, COACHES AND MASTERCLASS

**CONDUCTORS**

Matthieu du Motier  
 Jacob Augsten  
 Willem van Schalkwyk  
 Paul Leenhouts  
 Garrison Gerard  
 Jon Culpepper  
 Ryan Murray  
 Cari Earnhart  
 Thomas Loewenheim  
 Dr. Tony Mowrer  
 Anna Hamre

**DIRECTORS**

Annalisa Winberg  
 Jonathan Eaton  
 Taylor Carnes  
 Roy Stevens  
 Sherah Moore  
 David Ward  
 Anthony Radford

**VOICE TEACHERS**

Stephen Morscheck  
 Carol Wilson  
 Maria Briggs  
 Brigid de Jong  
 Eugene Villanueva  
 Helene Joseph Weil

**COACHES**

Stephanie Rhodes Russell  
 Kathleen Kelly  
 Stephen Dubberly  
 Elvia Puccinelli  
 Willem van Schalkwyk  
 Jiyoung Oh  
 Sara Steele  
 Luke Housner  
 Mary Dibbern  
 Hatem Nadim  
 Donna Loewy  
 Joungmin Sur

**MASTERCLASS INSTRUCTORS**

James Baillieu  
 Robert Chafin  
 Jaroslav Kyzlink  
 Gerald Finley  
 Dr. Leneida Crawford  
 Dr. Anton Belov  
 Dr. Vladimir Chernov  
 Dr. Robin Fisher

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Copyist/Score Editor, Carmen, University of North Texas Opera, 2023  
 Titles Operator, A Streetcar Named Desire, University of North Texas Opera, 2023  
 Assistant Stage Manager, L'elisir d'amore, University of North Texas Opera, 2022  
 Assistant Director, L'elisir d'amore, University of North Texas Opera, 2022  
 Assistant Director, Virtual Fresno State Fourth Annual Art Song Festival, 2021  
 Director, Virtual Opera Scenes Program, California State University, Fresno, 2021  
 Director, Opera Scenes, California State University, Fresno, 2020 (Canceled due to Covid-19)  
 Assistant Director, Fresno State Third Annual Art Song Festival, 2020  
 Presenter, Poster Paper NATS – California Western Region California State University, East Bay, 2020

**LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE**

Co-Chair, Division of Vocal Studies Student Council 2022-2023  
 Recipient, Teaching Fellowship, University of North Texas, 2022-Present  
 Advisory Council Member, NTX Vocal Arts Exchange 2021-2022  
 Recipient, Donald E. Waugh Memorial Scholarship Fall 2021  
 Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Fraternity  
 Chair, Student Health and Advisory Committee 2020-2021  
 Co-Founder, Voces del Valle Collaborative 2021  
 Recipient, Inaugural "Bulldog Pride Fund: Edna Garabedian Vocal Performance Award" Spring 2020  
 President, Fresno State Opera Club 2019-2021  
 Operations Coordinator, Camp Kesem 2018-2019  
 Counselor, Camp Kesem, Berkeley, CA 2019  
 Senator of Parking and Safety, Associated Students Inc., 2018-2019  
 Ritualist, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2019-2020  
 Recipient, M.J. Kavonian Scholarship Fall 2019  
 Counselor, Camp Kesem, Fresno, CA 2018  
 New Member Educator, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2017-2018  
 Secretary, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2016-2017  
 Recipient, Kabrielian Music Scholarship Fall 2015  
 Treasurer, American Choral Director Association Student Chapter 2014-2015

Recipient, Friends of Gary L Unruh Scholarship Fall 2014  
Recipient, Arthur E. Huff Scholarship Fall 2014

#### **AWARD/FINALIST**

Global Winner, Great Composer Competition Series	2022
National Semi Finalist, National Teachers of Singing Competition	2020
National Semi Finalist, Classical Singer Competition	2020
Finalist, Fresno State Third Annual Art Song Festival	2020
Finalist, Fresno State Concerto Competition	2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, Townsend Memorial Competition	2019
Honorable Mention, Fresno State Second Art Song Festival	2019
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner, National Association of Teachers of Singing Classical Division III	2018

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Fantasm Ensemble, Denton, TX  
Lafayette Musicians, Dallas, TX  
Verdigris Ensemble, Dallas, TX  
Orpheus Chamber Singers, Dallas, TX  
Lumedia Musicworks, Dallas, TX  
NOVA New Music Ensemble, Denton, TX  
UNT Opera, Denton, TX  
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Fraternity  
Voces del Valle Collaborative Fresno, CA  
Fresno State New Music Ensemble, Fresno, CA  
Opera Modesto, Modesto, CA  
St. John's Cathedral, Fresno, CA  
American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)  
Lambda Chi Alpha (ΛXA)  
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Texoma Region (NATS)  
Classical Singer  
Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Fresno, CA  
Camp Kesem (Nonprofit)