
ORLENA BRAY

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EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario, London, ON 2017-present
M.Mus in music education (in progress)

- M.Mus Research: Collaborative Learning: A Case Study of Community Through Choral Art Experiential Learning. Data analysis currently in progress.

University of Western Ontario, London, ON 2013-2017
B.Mus in Music Education

- Study abroad: Guatemala (spring 2017)

Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School, London, ON 2008-2013
French Immersion Certificate

WORK EXPERIENCE

Studio Arts Academy (St. Thomas) 2013-Present
Voice, Cello, and Piano Instructor

- Promoting a professional and positive attitude towards personal growth in learning music
- Individual instructions on cello or voice. Focusing on technique, and repertoire
- Planning recitals and other performance opportunities for my students

Don Wright Faculty of Music (Western University) 2018-Present
Graduate Research Assistant

- Assisting in various research projects associated with Western University's Music Brain and Mind Institute in areas such as data collection, literature review, as well as data analysis
- Assisting in administrative duties including organizing guest lectures.

London Bridge Childcare Services Inc. 2017-Present
Early Childhood Educator

- Facilitating play-based learning with children ranging from ages 1 month - 4 years
- Working with children with mental and/or physical disabilities, as well as children coping with behavioural challenges through the All Kids Belong program
- Incorporating the Ontario curriculum, *How Does Learning Happen? (2014)* in the context of the Core Values of London Bridge

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Amabile Choirs of London, Ontario

2017-2018

Associate Conductor

- Assisting in boys choir ages 6-9 in weekly rehearsal
- Providing one-on-one guidance regarding individual musical challenges
- Rehearse and conduct a portion of repertoire for concert performances

Faculty of Music's Student Council

2016-2017

Vice President Academics/Head Peer Guide

- Participate as elected student representative for Educational Policy Committee meetings.
- Leader of the faculty of music's peer tutoring group, "Peer Guides" which holds office hours and events to promote student academic success as well as ameliorate student mental wellness.
- Established first ever training retreat for the Peer Guides Team.
- Organize a mental wellness week for undergraduate students during midterm period.
- Represent academic concerns of undergraduate students to the dean and associate dean

Western University's Orientation Week

2014-2016

Soph, Faculty of Music

- Contributing to first year students' orientation week experience by having them feel welcome to their faculty.
- Assisting first year students with any concerns they may have about university throughout the year.
- Participating in orientation week activities with the first year students with high enthusiasm.

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

King's Players

2019

Catch Me If You Can (The Musical)

- Role of Cheryl-Anne and Ensemble

Community Through Choral Art

2016

The Spirit Garden (R. Murray Schafer)

- Role of Spring Bringer
- Outdoor performance

Ontario Youth Choir

2012-2015

Choral Summer Program (Singer)

- Michael Zaugg, Elroy Friesen, Marta McCarty (Section Leader), and Bob Anderson

Amabile Choirs of London, Ontario

2003-2013

Women's Choir (Singer)

- Da Capo, Junior Amabile Singers, Amabile Youth Singers (Section Leader), and Prima
- Experience with guest conductors such as Stephen Hatfield, Bob Chilcott, Jim Papoulis, Scott Leithead, and more.

AWARDS

Amabile Choirs of London, Ontario <i>Brenda Zadorsky Award of Excellence</i>	2013
Thames Valley District School Board <i>Barbara Stewart Memorial Citizenship Award</i>	2008

SPECIAL SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Bi-lingual (French)
- Experience in successful WREM application
- An enthusiastic team player with a strong work ethic and a dedication to lifelong learning
- Excellent interpersonal skills from years of teaching and leading opportunities
- Skilled at implementing creative problem-solving skills, gained through experience