

# Seth Velez

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## Education

### **Syracuse University, Syracuse NY**

- MMus in Choral Conducting (Completion date May 2023)
- MMus in Voice Pedagogy (Completion date August 2023)

### **Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA**

- BM in Music Performance, French Horn Emphasis (2017)

## Conducting and Teaching Experience

### **Dessoiff Choirs, New York, NY**

Assistant Conductor to Dr. Malcolm J. Merriweather (August 2023-Present)

### **Montclair State University Cali School of Music, Montclair, NJ**

MSU Chorale - Assistant Conductor to Dr. Heather Buchanan (August 2023-Present)

Adjunct Professor of Music Theory and Aural Skills (2023-Present)

### **Brooklyn Youth Chorus, New York, NY**

Conductor - Training Division (August 2023-Present)

Teacher and conductor for Teen Division training choir, ages 12-17

### **Self Employed / Freelance**

Private Voice Teacher (May 2017-Present)

Private voice instructor for clients of all ages, specializing in science-backed voice pedagogy with an emphasis on vocal health and stylistic flexibility.

Freelance Conductor (August 2023-Present)

Most recently served as assistant conductor for *Handel: Made in America* at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, as part of the MetLiveArts 23-24 Season.

### **Syracuse University Setnor School of Music, Syracuse, NY**

Graduate Student Conductor

- Principal Conductor for performance of Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*, Oratorio Society (2021)
- Assistant Conductor for University Singers - auditioned mixed-voice ensemble (2021-2023)
- Assistant Conductor for Crouse Chorale - non-auditioned treble ensemble (2022-2023)
- Assistant Conductor for Setnor Sonority - non-auditioned low-voice ensemble (2021-2022)

Full Teaching Assistant - Setnor School of Music Choral Department

- Responsibilities included organizing and evaluating chorister auditions, organizing and executing lesson plans for rehearsals and sectionals, creating recorded learning tracks and annotated student resources, rehearsal attendance, and creation/curation of program notes.

### **Los Angeles Children's Chorus, Pasadena, CA**

Instructor - Sight-singing, Aural Skills, and Introduction to Conducting (2018-2022)

**California Children's Choir, Roland Heights California**

*Assistant Conductor to Chung Uk Lee (2017-2018)*

**Joe Ferrante Music Academy, Monrovia California**

*Private Music Teacher (2017-2018)*

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**Bravo Music Academy, La Habra California**

*Private Music Teacher (2017-2019)*

**Azusa Pacific University Learning Enrichment Center, Azusa CA**

*Tutoring Mentor (2015-2017)*

- Led a cohort of music tutors and supplemental instructors

*Supplemental Instructor / Private Tutor [Music Theory and Aural Skills] (2015-2016)*

**Performance Experience**

**Dessoiff Choirs, 2023-Present**

- Assistant conductor and Bass-Baritone for 23-24 season

**Montclair State University Chorale, 2023-Present**

- Assistant Conductor and Bass-Baritone for 23-24 season

**Sterling Ensemble, 2018-2023 (Founding Member and Bass/Baritone)**

- Founding member and assistant conducting responsibilities
- Evaluated auditions for incoming prospective members.
- Featured ensemble at 2023 National ACDA Conference in Cincinnati, OH
- Project Coordinator and featured bass-baritone for debut album, "Into the Light" (2022)
- Featured ensemble (by invitation) for choral exchange in Sardinia, Italy (January 2020)
- Frequent collaborator with LA choral artists and composers, including Hila Plitmann, Sangeeta Kaur, Ben Bram, and Richard Burchard.

**Ensoma Creative, 2015-2020 (Bass/Baritone)**

- Featured Conductor for Ensoma Creative's "One Body" reunion concert (2019)
- Performed in numerous concert cycles from 2015-2020, a combination of original premieres of composed works and well-established choral repertoire

**Azusa Pacific University Chamber Singers, 2014-2017 (Section Leader - Bass)**

- Performances in International competitions and national conferences. (Italy, France, Germany, England, Wales, Ireland)
- Featured soloist at 2015 NCCO Sixth National Conference in Portland, OR

**Azusa Pacific University Men's Chorale, 2013-2015 (Section Leader - Bass)**

- Featured soloist for international tour to South Korea (2014)

**Professional Organizations**

- Member - National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), New York City Chapter
- Member - American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)
- Inducted Member - Pi Kappa Lambda
- Member - College Music Society (CMS)