

# Kate Sawyer

Educator | Artist  
Curriculum Vitae

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## Professional Summary

I am a devoted teaching artist with an academic background in opera, musical theater, and choir. Through collaborative performances, fine arts events, diverse repertoire choices for my choirs and solo students, and annual solo recitals, I strive to infuse our community with the creative spark that energizes a lifelong love of live vocal performance.

## Education

Master of Music, Vocal Performance May 2007  
Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance May 2005  
Loyola University New Orleans - New Orleans, LA

## Skills and Teaching

- Command of the classroom and conductor rehearsal techniques
- Diverse and advanced vocabulary
- Knowledge of the major languages used in choral and solo vocal repertoire (French, German, Latin, Italian)
- Differentiated Learning
- Canva graphic design studio
- Canvas Learning Management System
- YouTube channel management (creating content, uploads)

## Associations and Community Partnerships

P.E.O. International, Chapter D, Biloxi [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)

National Association of Teaching of Singing (NATS), Southern Region (local and national chapters)

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), Mississippi Chapter

The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education, Ocean Springs-Programming Committee, 2014-2020

# Experience



Director of Choral Activities, Voice Instructor, Music Instructor  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus - Gautier, MS

Aug 2016-Present

- Conduct daily rehearsals for concert choir and vocal ensemble
- Plan three or more major concerts per academic year
- Collaborate with area high school choir directors and institutions
- Teach weekly applied voice lessons
- Teach Music Theory I and II (Fall and Spring semesters)
- Organize large scale events and ticket sales
- Graphic design of program and publicity for the music program
- Organize quarterly recitals for the applied music students
- Collaborate on final jury performances
- Organize in-state travel associated with conferences and festivals
- Supervise work study student for choral program

Choral Director, Introduction to Theater, Music Theory Instructor  
St. Martin Schools 6-12, Jackson County School District - Ocean Springs, MS

Aug 2011-May 2016

- Conduct daily rehearsals in a classroom setting for grades 6-12
- Plan major concerts three or more times a year
- Perform administrative duties such as maintaining library, budget, designing programs, and fundraising
- Compete in district and state level festivals

Applied Music Instructor  
Private Music Instruction, Voice and Piano - Ocean Springs, MS

Jan 2010-Present

- Plan appropriate level repertoire choices for individual musician
- Teach basic to advanced level applied vocal technique and repertoire
- Teach basic to intermediate level piano technique and repertoire
- Plan yearly recitals for the studio

## Organized Events and Performance

Mozart Requiem, MGCCC and OSHS choirs	Spring 2020
Christmas at Jackson County, choirs and guest musicians	Fall 2019
Pre-Drama Fest, area high school theater groups	Fall 2019
Fall for Fine Arts, MGCCC Jackson County Campus	Fall 2019
Faculty Recital, Debussy Trois Chansons	Fall 2019
University of South Alabama, Quartet Concert for USA Opera Theater	Summer 2019
Recital Class, music applied students	
Semester Jury Performances, music applied students	
Young Soloists Concert, The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center	2015-2019, 2021
Sizzlin' Sopranos, The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center	2016, 2018

## Theatre

Sally Brown	You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	Biloxi Little Theatre	2020
Mabel	The Pirates of Penzance	OS Music Collaborative	2018
Heidi Schiller	Follies	Broadway South Repertory	2016
Maria	The Sound of Music	Gulfport Little Theatre	2015
Abigail Adams	1776	Gulfport Little Theatre	2013
Frasquita	Carmen	Gulf Coast Opera	2011
Nellie Forbush	South Pacific	Centerstage Biloxi	2010

## Concert and Oratorio

Soprano Soloist	Mozart Requiem	OS Music Collaborative	2020
Soprano Soloist	Debussy Trois Chansons	Mississippi Gulf Coast Comm. Coll.	2019
Soprano Soloist	Opera Quartet Concert, USA Opera	Mobile, AL	2019
Sizzlin' Sopranos	Classical Variety Concert	Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center	2018
Love Songs	Opera Duet Concert	Mary C. O'Keefe	2018
Singing into Spring	Classical Vocal Concert	Mary C. O'Keefe	2017
Soprano Soloist	Vivaldi Gloria	OS Music Collaborative	2017
Sizzlin' Sopranos	Classical Variety Concert	Mary C. O'Keefe	2016
Dinner with a Duo	Opera Duet Concert	Gulf Coast Symphony Guild	2014

## Past Roles

Cupidon	Orpheus in the Underworld
Gretel	Hansel and Gretel
Lakmé	Lakmé
Olympia	Les Contes d'Hoffmann
Pamina	Die Zauberflöte
Queen of the Night	Die Zauberflöte

## Training

AIMS in Graz	Graz, Austria	2007
Bay Area Summer Opera Theater Institute	San Francisco, CA	2004
Opera in the Ozarks	Eureka Springs, AR	2003