

CASSANDRA LUFTSPRING

Conductor – Accompanist – Teacher – Singer – Composer

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Faculty of Music 2013
Master of Music, Choral Conducting

Queen's University, School of Music 2010
Bachelor of Music (Distinction), Piano and Composition

Royal Conservatory of Music 2006
Grade 10 Piano
Grade 8 Voice
Grade 5 Harmony and Counterpoint

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Artistic Staff (full-time), Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley 2013-2014
Associate Conductor, Director of Musicianship, Accompanist

- Conductor of Ensemble (grades 6-9), Intermediate (grades 4-6), and Preparatory 3 (grades 2-4)
- Developed and implemented a graduated musicianship training program for all choirs
- Auditioned and evaluated over 150 new and returning singers for placement into choirs
- Director of annual *Cantabile Festival for Young Voices*
- Occasionally taught Preparatory 1 (preschool-kindergarten) and Preparatory 2 (grades 1-2)
- Led sectional rehearsals for Vocalise (grades 8-12) as needed
- Served as accompanist for Preparatory, Intermediate, and Vocalise Choirs in rehearsals, in concerts, and on international tours
- Wrote rehearsal blogs and created practice recordings for Preparatory 3, Intermediate, Ensemble, and Vocalise choirs
- Managed Aria Choir (advanced 16-voice choir, grades 9-12); booked, organized, and supervised performances

Assistant Artistic Director, Mississauga Festival Youth Choir 2013

- Conducted Junior Choir and Senior Choir
- Auditioned new singers for placement into choirs
- Assumed the duties of the Artistic Director while she took maternity leave

Vocal Specialist, Music By The Lake Camp (Toronto District School Board) 2013

- Conducted Grade 6 Choir
- Accompanied several choirs in rehearsals
- Taught voice lessons for grade 6 choristers

Assistant Conductor and Accompanist, University of Toronto Men's Chorus 2012-2013

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| Piano and Voice Teacher , Featherstone Music | 2012-2013 |
| Assistant Conductor , University of Toronto Women's Chamber Choir | 2011-2012 |
| Artistic Staff , Toronto Children's Chorus | 2011-2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted Main Choir and Training Choir III Coordinated and taught theory and sight-singing lessons | |
| Marking Assistant , <i>Romantic and Twentieth Century Music History</i> , Queen's University | 2011 |
| Accompanist , Kingston Choral Society | 2010-2011 |
| Accompanist , Kingston Chamber Choir | 2010-2011 |
| Accompanist , Queen's Conservatory of Music | 2010-2011 |
| Piano, Theory, and Composition Teacher , Kingston School of Music | 2010-2011 |
| Assistant Conductor , Cantabile Choirs of Kingston | 2008-2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted Young Women's Choir and Young Men's Chorus | |
| Music Camp Counsellor (Volunteer) , Toronto Children's Chorus | 2005-2010 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served as Head Counsellor in 2008 Led the <i>Independent Sight-Singers</i> (the most advanced singers) | |
| Programme Assistant , Toronto Children's Chorus | 2008-2009 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned and executed week long summer music camp | |
| Voice and Piano Teacher , Contemporary Conservatory of Music and Arts | 2007 |
| Conductor's Assistant , Toronto Children's Chorus | 2005-2006 |
| Freelance Music Teacher and Accompanist | 2004-present |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| National Conductors' Symposium <i>with Jon Washburn and the Vancouver Chamber Choir</i> | 2016 |
| Orff Schulwerk: Introduction and Applications for the Classroom <i>The San Francisco International Orff Course</i> | 2014 |
| Choral Techniques for Conductors Masterclass <i>with Michael Zaugg and Zimfira Poloz</i> | 2013 |
| Program for Conductors and Directors <i>Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute</i> | 2012 |
| Podium 2012 Conducting Masterclass <i>with Ivars Taurins</i> | 2012 |

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| Choirs Ontario Conductor Training Program <i>with Iwan Edwards and the Ontario Youth Choir</i> | 2010 |
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| Atlantic Music Festival Composition Program | 2010 |
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| NYU/ASCAP Film Scoring Workshop (Auditor) | 2009 |
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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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| Convivium , SATB choir in Los Altos, California | 2014 |
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| Schola Cantorum , early music vocal ensemble at the University of Toronto | 2012-2013 |
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| MacMillan Singers , SATB choir at the University of Toronto | 2011-2013 |
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| Founder and Music Director, Momentum , a cappella choir at Queen's University | 2009-2011 |
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| Queen's Choral Ensemble , SATB choir at Queen's University | 2007-2009 |
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| Polyhymnia , women's chamber choir at Queen's University | 2006-2007 |
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| Toronto Children's Chorus Soloist in <i>City Called Heaven on A Song For All Seasons</i> (Marquis Classics/EMI, 2005) | 1999-2005 |
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AWARDS AND HONOURS

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| Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship | 2013 |
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| Ontario Graduate Scholarship | 2011-2012 |
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| Fellowship in Music , University of Toronto | 2011 |
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| Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC) | 2011 |
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| Medal in Music , Queen's University Highest academic standing in graduating class | 2010 |
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| Dean's Honour List with Distinction , Queen's University Top 3% of the B.Mus. program | 2007-2009 |
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| Graham George Memorial Scholarship in Composition , Queen's University | 2008 |
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| National Beginner's Scholarship , Royal Canadian College of Organists | 2008 |
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| Chancellor's Scholarship , Queen's University | 2006 |
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| Istvan and Beate Anhalt Entrance Scholarship for Composition , Queen's University | 2006 |
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| Seven consecutive first place awards in the Amadeus Choir Composition Competition | 1998-2005 |
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COMMISSIONS

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| <i>When Our Inner Light Goes Out</i> , SATB choir and piano Chalice Choir of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa | 2011 |
| <i>In My Mother's Favourite Story</i> , soprano soloist and piano Department of Women's Studies, Queen's University | 2008 |
| <i>Come Israel's Children</i> , SATB choir, piano, and tambourine Amadeus Choir | 2007 |
| <i>Dance For The Earth</i> , string orchestra and two violin soloists Arts York String Orchestra and the Soundstreams Young Artist Overture Project | 2006 |
| <i>The Choristers</i> , treble choir, piano, and cello soloist Toronto Children's Chorus | 2005 |
| <i>Up To Jerusalem</i> , SATB choir and piano Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir | 2003 |

REFERENCES

Available upon request