**Gene Ryman**

**Choir Director/Theory and Composition Teacher**

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**Summary**

Choir Director, Piano Accompanist, and Theory/Composition Teacher relocating to Houston, TX and looking for a full time position teaching Middle School/High School Choir, Theory, and/or General Music. Key accomplishments include four nominations for “Best Music Direction” at the Metropolitan High School Theatre Awards and leading a high school women’s’ choir to the semifinals at the Intercollegiate High School a Cappella competition.

**Skills**

**Student motivation and classroom management**

**Choir Director**

**Curriculum development**

**Vocal/instrumental Composition/Arranging**

**Technology integration:** Use of notation software such as Finale and production software such as ProTools, FL Studio, and Garageband

**Experienced Accompanist:** Over fifteen years of experience as an accompanist for soloists and choirs

**Professional Experience**

**Connetquot Central School District** | Bohemia, NY *2014-Present*

*Permanent Substitute Teacher*

* Preferred sub for music department throughout district
* Maintain classroom management procedures and follow lesson plans to create sense of continuity

**Music Simply Music |** Long Island, NY *2013-Present*

*Piano Facilitator*

* Provide private piano lessons for students of all ages from a variety of diverse backgrounds, including adult, early childhood, and special needs students
* Prepare students for annual recitals as well as a variety of nursing home performances as part of “Share My Music,” the company’s community outreach program

**Northern Highlands Regional High School** *|* Allendale, NJ *2008-2013*

*Choir Director, Theory/General Music Teacher, Music Director, Accompanist*

* Incorporated pop a cappella music into the repertoire of The Highlands Belles, a women’s choir; led group to the semifinals at the Intercollegiate High School A Cappella competition
* Developed curriculum and created a new general music class based around American popular music of the past 100 years. Course included cross-curricular elements and technology integration, and adhered to New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
* Integrated student-centered learning techniques into my Honors Music Theory class by incorporating more group work and composition-based assignments, allowing students the opportunity to experiment with new concepts and musical constructs currently being learned
* Nominated for “Best Music Direction” at the Metropolitan High School Theatre Awards four times for my work as music director for the school’s annual musical theatre productions

**Other Accomplishments**

**Ramapo College of New Jersey** | *Guest Lecturer on Music Theory for Songwriting 2014*

**Wanaque Elementary School Theatre Department** | *Music Director 2011*

**NJSMA Region 1 High School Choir** | *Accompanist 2010*

**Education**

**Boston University** | *Boston, MA*

* Master of Music in Music Education (2012)

**Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam** | *Potsdam, NY*

* Bachelor of Music in Musical Studies (2007)
* Concentration in Piano Pedagogy (2007)

**Certifications and Endorsements**

* New Jersey State Instructional Certificate in Music (2008)
* New York State Professional Certification in Music (2014)