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Profile

I am an employee of the Murray Conservatorium Albury, teaching piano and recorder to AMusA level, and brass to Grade 8.

My main area of public piano performance has been as accompanist for community choirs, advanced instrumentalists and singers.

Until March 2020 I was conductor of the MC concert band and junior orchestra, both of which had an extensive local performance schedule.

I continue to direct an advanced recorder consort in 2021.

Experience

MUSIC TEACHER – MURRAY CONSERVATORIUM ALBURY. 1983–2021

While working in high schools, local bands and churches I have maintained a close association with the Murray Con. as a part-time instrumental teacher, accompanist, and conductor of junior and senior ensembles.

As a pianist I often serve as AMEB exam accompanist for string, brass and woodwind students. I have worked with other MC staff to present instrumental workshops, and appeared as an accompanist at Albury City outdoor events.

As a trombonist I played with the Murray Riverina Jazz Orchestra until 2019.

In 2020 I accompanied students from Grade 6 to 8 in video presentations for remote exams. My 2020 piano students completed exams up to the Certificate of Performance. My recorder students completed exams up to Grade 8.

I currently teach over 30 students, including piano and recorder candidates preparing their AMusA, and euphonium/trombone students working towards Grade 6.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR — WODONGA BRASS. 2000–2010

I joined this municipal band in 2000, playing trombone, euphonium and tuba before being appointed as Musical Director.

I conducted the Wodonga Carols nine times, coordinating and rehearsing over 200 performers each year for the region's largest outdoor community event, with crowds often exceeding 12,000.

Much of the music at these annual events was arranged by me. In addition to training the 40 piece brass band and the choirs involved, I accompanied solo singers.

CONCERT PROMOTER, CD PRODUCER — 2006 – 2010

On leaving the school system I purchased a Stuart & Sons grand piano, installed it in St Matthew's Church Albury and ran subscription concerts, with artists including:

- Gregory Kinda
 who recorded CDs for me. Details at leatham.com.au.
- Olga Kharitonova & Igor Machlak – piano duo
 who recorded CDs for me. Details at leatham.com.au.
- Michael Kieran Harvey
 including a world premier of music by James Gordon Anderson.
- Melbourne Chamber Orchestra
 including a world premier of music, commissioned by me, by Ian Munro.
- Mark Gasser
- Mark Kruger
- Australian String Quartet
- Australian Chamber Orchestra – ACO2
- Brenda Jones Trio

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC — ST MATTHEW'S ALBURY. 2000–2009

As an accredited choral conductor with the Royal School of Church Music I directed a 25 voice choir, trained the junior choristers in the *RSCM Voice for Life* scheme and acted as assistant organist. I wrote the first Australian syllabus for the RSCM singing exams and presented seminars on church choral music in Canberra and Sydney.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER — NEWCASTLE, ALBURY AND WODONGA. 1977 – 2005

I graduated with a DipMusEd, a four-year combined course equivalent to a BMus plus Dip Ed, from Newcastle Conservatorium and the Newcastle College of Advanced Education. I worked in NSW state high schools and later in the Victorian Catholic system. I taught music to year 12 in both states.

During the 1990s I retrained as a computer programmer, database administrator, web designer and online publisher. I taught computer science from years 8 to 12 at Catholic College Wodonga.

Education

Charles Sturt University — GradDipIT, 2004.

NSW Department of Education — Teacher's Certificate, 1978.

Newcastle Conservatorium — AMusA, 1973. DipMusEd, 1976.

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