

Kourtney Regan Austin, (née Strade)

Mezzo-Soprano

1929 Canyon Court
Denton, TX 76205
314.368.1107
kourtneyaustin11@gmail.com

Education

University of North Texas	Post-Graduate studies in Vocal Pedagogy	2015-2016
University of Iowa	Post-Graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology	2001-2002
Summer Vocology Institute	Certificate of Vocology	2001
University of Missouri-Kansas City, Conservatory of Music	Master of Arts in Music	2001
Northwest Missouri State University	Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education	1999

Professional Experience

Private Voice Studio, Denton, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full studio of students in Frisco, Little Elm and Denton	2015-Present
Peace United Church of Christ, St. Louis, MO Director of Music <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Direct Chancel Choir for worship services and special concerts▪ Play piano/organ for worship services▪ Plan music for worship services▪ Participate in worship planning	2012-2015
CHARIS, The St. Louis Women's Chorus, St. Louis, MO Artistic Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop and coordinate all artistic aspects of the chorus▪ Select and prepare repertoire▪ Plan, prepare, and execute three productions per year▪ Serve as marketing and public relations spokesperson for radio and television advertisements	2009-2015
Community Music School of Webster University, St. Louis, MO Faculty, Vocal Department <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applied Voice	2005-2015
Heartland Healthy Voices, St. Louis, MO Founder and Owner <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A company providing vocal health seminars and private coachings to teachers, students, and other organizations▪ Specialization in singing voice recovery from voice disorders	2003-2015

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO Director of Music	2007-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct choir for worship services and special concerts ▪ Play piano/organ for worship services 	
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Singing Voice Consultant to Hospital's Voice Clinic	2001-2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided therapy to singers afflicted with voice disorders 	
William Jewell College, Community School of Music, Liberty, MO Faculty, Vocal Department	1999-2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applied Voice 	

Honors

Women's Council Grant, UMKC, awarded for study at the Summer Vocology Institute
 Sigma Alpha Iota College Honor Award, leadership and excellence award
 Sigma Alpha Iota Sword of Honor, leadership and excellence award

Professional Affiliations and Honor Societies

Texas Music Educators Association
 National Association of Teachers of Singing
 Sigma Alpha Iota, Professional music fraternity for women
 Music Educators National Conference

Related Experience

Private Voice Studio, St. Louis, MO, 2003-2015
 Woodlawn Presbyterian Chapel, Substitute Pianist and Choral Director, 2005-2007
 Music Director, Living Faith Metropolitan Community Church, 2003-2005
 Soloist and Section Leader, Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, Chevy Chase, MD 2002-2003
 Soloist and Section Leader, First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, IA, 2001-2002
 Soloist and Section Leader, Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, 2000-2001
 Sigma Alpha Iota, 1995-1999
 President, Vice-President of Ritual and Music Director
 Nodaway Arts Council, President and Vice-President, Nodaway County, 1995-1999
 Nodaway Community Theatre Company, 1995-1999
 Musical Director, Choreographer, and Orchestra Conductor

Selected Student Accomplishments

Graduate and Professional Singers:

Elizabeth Bivens	2016 Cal-Western Region NATSAA second place winner 2014-15, Resident Artist, Saint Louis Winter Opera
Ellen Hinkle	2014-15, Resident Artist, Saint Louis Winter Opera Gateway Opera Resident

High School and Undergraduate Singers:

Piero Centurion	2016, Texas All-State Choir 1 st chair Tenor
	2016, Outstanding Soloist-UIL State of Texas
Alyssa Lynch	2016, Outstanding Soloist-UIL State of Texas
Lisa Cifuentes	2016, Full Vocal Performance Scholarship, Texas Women's University
Elena Arredondo	2012, Full Vocal Performance Scholarship, Southeast Missouri State
Anna Barton	2007, Vocal Performance Scholarship, Indiana University
Numerous NATS Conference 1 st and 2 nd place winners	

Performing Experience

Selected Solo Performances

Guest Artist	Band Together, Saint Louis, MO March 2015
<i>I Am Harvey Milk</i>	Midwest Premier, Gateway Men's Chorus and Heartland Men's Chorus, April 2014
Faculty Recital	Community Music School Webster University, 2008, 2014
Guest Artist, Selections of Mozart and Haydn	Colorado Symphony Orchestra Denver, CO, 2012
<i>Gloria</i> , Vivaldi	Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, Saint Louis, MO, 2007
<i>Die Fledermaus</i> , J. Struass Sally, Concert Version	Washington Civic Opera Chorus, Washington D.C., 2002
<i>The Messiah</i> , Handel	Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, Chevy Chase, MO, 2002
	Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, 2000
<i>Christmas Oratorio</i> , Saint-Saens	Westport Presbyterian Church, 2000
	First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, MO, 1997
<i>Lord Nelson Mass</i> , Haydn	Northwest University Chorale, 1998

Ensemble Experience

Saint Louis Women's Choral	2009
Kansas City Puccini Festival, <i>Edgar</i>	2001
Celebration/Madraliers, NWMSU	1994-1998
Tower Choir (Concert Choir), NWMSU	1994-1998

Opera Roles

<i>The Vegans of Provincetown</i> , Sullivan	Fredericka	CHARIS, 2007
<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i> , Mozart	Cherubino	Richard Crittenden Opera Workshop, 2002
<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i> , Rossini	Rosina	Crittenden, 2002
<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i> , Nicolai	Meg Page	Crittenden, 2002
<i>Jehanne de Lorraine</i> , Vercoe	Joan	University of Missouri Kansas City, 2001
<i>La Cenerentola</i> , Rossini	Clorinda	UMKC, 2000
<i>Suor Angelica</i> , Puccini	Cercatrice/ Lay Sister	UMKC, 2000
<i>The Wise Women</i> , Susa	Angel	Civic Opera Theater of Kansas City, 2000

Musical Theatre Roles

<i>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</i> , Holmes	Helena	Northwest Missouri State University, 1997
<i>Into the Woods</i> , Sondheim	Snow White	NWMSU, 1995

References

Dr. Stephen F. Austin
Professor of Voice
University of North Texas
stephen.austin@unt.edu
940.369.7214

Carol Commerford
Director, Community Music School
Webster University
carolc@webster.edu
314.968.5939

Sharon Spurlock
President
CHARIS-The St. Louis Women's Chorus
Saint Louis, Missouri
Sharon.spurlock@gmail.com
314.974.6022

Dr. Kris Chesky
Professor
University of North Texas
kris.chesky@unt.edu
940.565.4126

Dr. Steven Brown
Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences,
and Humanities
University of West Florida
sbrown4@uwf.edu
(850) 474-3340