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CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

- 2021-current UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Minneapolis, MN
Degree: Doctor of Musical Arts, 2024* anticipated graduation
Major: Voice, Minor: Choral Conducting
- 2011-2013 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tallahassee, FL
Degree: Master of Music
Major: Voice Performance
- 2007-2009 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, Boulder, CO
Degree: Bachelor of Music
Major: Voice Performance
- 2005-2007 SAINT OLAF COLLEGE, Northfield, MN
Major: Voice Performance

PRIMARY TEACHERS: Trish McCaffrey, voice; Jane Giering-DeHaan, voice; Matt Mehaffey, conducting; Kathy Romey, conducting; Dean Billmeyer, organ

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2021-Current MATERNITY OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, St. Paul, MN
Director of Sacred Music, leading choir and congregation in chant, hymns, and selecting music appropriate for the liturgy, selecting new hymnal, cantor
Pastor: Fr. Timothy Cloutier
- 2016-2021 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, Stirling, NJ
Director of Sacred Music, cantor
Pastor: Fr. Richard Carton
- 2013-2016 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON, New Vernon, NJ
Director of Sacred Music
- 2011-2013 CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE, Tallahassee, FL
Assistant Music Director, cantor

2007-2010 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS UNIVERSITY PARISH, Boulder, CO
Interim Director of Sacred Music, cantor

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021-Current UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Voice Department TA
Private Voice instructor
Voice Class for majors and non-majors

2021-Current UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Choral Department TA
Conductor for University Women's Choir
Conductor for University Chamber Singers

2021-Current ST. LAWRENCE PARISH AND NEWMAN CENTER, Minneapolis, MN
Director of Student Schola/music for Friday Student Mass
Pastor: Fr. Jake Anderson

2020 DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, NJ
Assistant Director and Conductor for Drew University Chamber Choir

2011-2013 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Voice Department TA
Private Voice instructor

2009-Current PRIVATE VOICE INSTRUCTOR, Alaska, New Jersey, Minnesota, Rome
Maintain private voice studio, in-person and online. Organize and recruit for student summer "bootcamp" and performance. Volunteer as vocal instructor for the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

*please visit my website, elenatbird.com, for more detailed performance experience

2021-Current BACH ROOTS FESTIVAL, Minneapolis, MN
Chorister and soloist for professional ensemble

2016- Current FARGO-MOORHEAD OPERA, Fargo, ND
Contracted Mainstage Artist and Young Artist (2016)

2017-2021 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, Stirling, NJ
Founder and Artistic Director of semi-professional choral ensemble

2019 RIVERSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY, New York, NY
Contracted soloist

- 2013-2019 HARMONIUM CHORAL SOCIETY, Morristown, NJ
Contracted soloist, guest speaker
- 2016-2020 WADE ARTIST MANAGEMENT, New York, NY
Represented by WAM as a rostered soprano
- 2017 ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA, Anchorage, AK
Contracted soloist
- 2017 MASTERWORK CHORALE, Madison, NJ
Contracted soloist
- 2017 MASTERWORK CAMERATA, Madison, NJ
Rehearsal conductor for Handel's *Messiah* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*
- 2017 NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
Contracted Mainstage Artist
- 2014-2018 LIGHT OPERA OF NEW JERSEY, Basking Ridge, NJ
Contracted Mainstage Artist

CONCERTS

- 2022 TENEBRAE OF GOOD FRIDAY, conductor
Victoria's *Responsaries for Tenebrae of Good Friday*, Holy Cross Catholic Church,
Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CHOIR, conductor
St. Paul Cathedral, "Music for a Grand Space"
- 2022 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CHAMBER SINGERS, conductor
"Voices of Hope" rehearsal and performance video
- 2021 A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, conductor
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church treble choir celebrates the Year of St. Joseph in song
in Stirling, NJ
- 2020 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
"Ever Ancient, Ever New" Christmas choral and brass concert in Stirling, NJ
- 2020 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
"Summer Sing" outdoor concert in Basking Ridge, NJ

- 2019 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
 “Rejoice Greatly” Christmas choral and brass concert in Stirling, NJ
- 2019 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
 “Springtime Prayer” Evening prayer concert in Stirling, NJ
- 2018 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
 “Lessons in Carols” Christmas choral and brass concert in Stirling, NJ
- 2017 MAGNIFICAT SINGERS, conductor
 “Christmas in Song” Christmas choral and brass concert in Stirling, NJ

OTHER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- 2022 Speaker for Minnesota ACDA State Conference (August 2022); focused on performance anxiety, visualization, and techniques for success in rehearsal and performance
- 2021 Guest speaker/vocalist for Oratorio Society of Minnesota; focused on pedagogical warm-ups after a vocal hiatus
- 2020 Guest speaker for Harmonium Choral Society, Morristown, NJ; focused on vocal pedagogy and choral warm-ups
- Current Keyboard and accompanying proficiency, 20+ years
- 2021-current Volunteer voice teacher for students of the Pontifical North American College in Rome
- 2021-current Contributor to presentations on “Liturgical Music Administration” and formation for new priests at the Pontifical North American College in Rome