

# Kristen Melzer

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## Objective

To guide each student toward their potential as a well-rounded human through music.

## Education

AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2020 – **Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Virginia**

Bachelor of Music in Music Education - Vocal/Choral

- GPA of 3.763 in music education coursework.
- Coursework: music education practicum and student teaching, conducting, music theory, aural skills, lyric diction, instrumental methods, music history, form and analysis, choral and vocal ensembles.
- Private instruction: Voice - James Smith-Parham, Vocal Coaching - Melanie Day, Piano - Daniel Stipe, Conducting - Erin Freeman.

## Teaching Experience

JANUARY 2020 - MAY 2020 – **Music Education Student Teaching (8 weeks per placement)**

Elementary School: Pearson's Corner Elementary School, Hanover County. Mara Smith, educator.

Middle School: Robious Middle School, Chesterfield County. Katie Longo, educator.

SEPTEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2019 – **Music Education Practicum (30 hours per semester)**

Elementary School: Rural Point Elementary School, Hanover County. Paul Bakeman, educator.

Middle School: Liberty Middle School, Hanover County. Janet Stanley, educator.

High School: Deep Run High School, Henrico County. Amy El-Khoury, educator.

JULY 2017, 2018, 2019 – **Vocal Arts Project**

Camp Counselor: Responsible for rehearsing sectionals and monitoring the safety of students, grades 6-12. The camp is a choral based program that includes theory, drumming, ukulele, and theatre classes. Audrey Christesen, supervisor.

SEPTEMBER 2017 - JUNE 2019 – **School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community**

LIVE ART Intern: Responsible for developing relationships with students to support their individual needs, supporting an inclusive classroom, and teaching students how to celebrate their differences through SPARC's CARE curriculum (compassion, acceptance, respect, and empathy). Christine Hoffman, supervisor.

## Work and Leadership

AUGUST 2017 - DECEMBER 2019 – **Choral Ensembles, VCU. Erin Freeman, Conductor**

Conducting Assistant (2019): Choral Arts Society & Commonwealth Singers - Responsible for communicating assignments and conducting rehearsals and concerts.

Alto Section Leader (2018-2019): Commonwealth Singers - Responsible for conducting sectional rehearsals.

OCTOBER 2019 - PRESENT – **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Petersburg, Virginia**

Alto Section Leader: Responsible for singing in rehearsals and services, performing solos, and conducting Sunday service music. Charles Lindsey, music director.

## References

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