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**MUSIC** 

Toby's Youth Theatre Columbia, MD

Winnie the Pooh (Fall '24-Spring '25) Music Director Goldilocks and the Three Billy Music Director

Pigs Gruff (Fall '23-Spring '24)

The Catholic University of America Washington, D.C.

A Little Night Music (Feb 2020) Assistant Music Director

The Fourth Estate (Nov 2019) Assistant Music Director, Keyboard 2

The Threepenny Opera (Mar 2019) On-Stage Percussionist

CenterStage Theatre Company Washington, D.C.

ABBA Cabaret (Jan 2020) Music Director, Keyboard, Arranger
The Addams Family (Apr 2019) Music Director, Keyboard 1/Conductor

First Date (Feb 2018) Keyboard 2

24 Hour Musical (Sept 2018) Composer, Keyboard

**TEACHING** 

St. Mary's School (Spring '23, '24, & '25)

Rockville, MD

The Wizard of Oz, Youth Edition Vocal director, choreographer Junie B. Jones, The Musical Vocal director, choreographer A Year with Froq And Toad (TYA) Vocal director, choreographer

Our Lady of Mercy Middle School (Fall '22 & '23) Potomac, MD

Newsies, Jr. Vocal director, choreographer
Matilda Jr. Vocal director, choreographer
Willy Wonka Jr. Music director, choreographer

Olney Theatre Center (Summer '24 & '25)

Musical Theatre Intensive Music director

Signature Theatre (August 2022)

Arlington, VA

Stage One Accompanist/music director

NextStop Theatre Company (July 2022) Herndon, VA

Moana Jr. Guest teaching artist/vocal director

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#### **VOICEOVER/RECORDING**

Barney & Friends	Backup vocalist	John Marsden Productions	Orlando, FL
Hug-A-Lots Jingle	Backup vocalist	Ritz Studio Productions	Orlando, FL
MyAppyPetz Jingle	Backup vocalist	Ritz Studio Productions	Orlando, FL

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

B.M. Musical Theatre - The Catholic University of America

May 2021

Minor in Music Composition

Minor in Dance

#### **COMPOSITION AWARDS**

National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest

"Something Suite" 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Florida (2013)
"Enigma" 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Florida (2014)
"Synchronicity" 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Florida (2015)

"Windchimes" 1st Place in Florida;

Honorable Mention in Southeast Region (2016)

OmniHarmony™ Young Composers Competition

"Windchimes" 1st Place (2016)

#### **SPECIAL SKILLS**

Piano (20 years) Sight singing Finale and MuseScore
Mallet & auxiliary percussion (4 years) Perfect pitch Audition accompaniment
Handbells (12 years) Chamber choral singing Transcribing & arranging

Basic guitar and ukulele