

AMBER JAMES

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EDUCATION

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| Doctor of Musical Arts , Vocal Performance and Pedagogy
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Student of Dr. Maryann Kyle | Current |
| Master of Music , Vocal Performance
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Student of Dr. Gregory Broughton | 2010 |
| Bachelor of Music Education , major concentration in Piano
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina
Student of Jane Palmer Dill | 2004 |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Private Voice and Piano Instructor
New York, NY | 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach one-on-one voice and piano lessons to various ages and levels• Workshop creator and presenter• Student performance organizer | |
| Teaching Assistant
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi | 2012-2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach major and non-major voice lessons• Accompany music majors• Vocal Coach and accompanist for the University Theater and Dance Department• Music Director and Camp Supervisor of the Theater Department's MMTE summer program (2013-2015)• Assistant to Dr. Jay Dean, the Director of Orchestral Activities
Projects include: compiling and designing the Natchez Festival of Music Program; fundraising material for Mississippi Opera; compiling and assisting in design of the symphony program; artist liason for Deborah Voigt | |
| Private Piano and Voice Instructor
Bass Memorial Academy, Purvis, Mississippi | 2012-2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach weekly private lessons in voice and piano | |

- Prepare students for semester recitals

Church Pianist

Woodland Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 2013-2015

- Play hymns, preludes, offertories, and postludes for Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday night services

Music Director

2011-2012

Grace Lutheran School, Winter Haven, Florida

2004-2007

- Teach weekly music classes
- Direct middle school chorus, band, and guitar classes
- Entered middle school chorus in various competitions
- Direct and conduct all school spring musicals and Christmas programs
- Accompany Pre-school programs
- Conduct weekly chapel anthems
- Started the school's first Performing Arts Guild, an organization that raises money to fund activities which promote an understanding and appreciation of the arts
- Co-directed the school's annual Spring Arts Festival
- Directed the Drama Club

Staff Accompanist

2008-2011

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina

- Accompany music majors in private lessons, weekly practice sessions and recitals
- Coach voice students

Staff Accompanist

2010-2011

Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

- Accompany Men's and Women's Glee Choirs
- Accompany student showcases and recitals

Church Choir Director

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Central, South Carolina

2009-2011

- Direct the church choir
- Lead congregational singing
- Schedule and participate in special music during services
- Responsible for all administrative duties pertaining to music

Church Musician

2007-2008

Greenville First Wesleyan Church, Greenville, South Carolina

- Play piano for worship services
- Accompany choir practice
- Direct some choir cantatas
- Youth leader during 2008

Teacher

Lakeview Christian School, Pickens, South Carolina	2007-2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach 4th and 5th grade mixed academic class• Direct school Christmas programs• Direct end of school year programs• Leader over groups of children in summer camp 2008-2010	

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

New York Summer Scenes	New York, NY	2017
International Performing Arts Institute	Kiefersfelden, Germany	2013-2014
Operafestival di Roma	University of Florida, Rome, Italy	2012
Festival South Opera	University of Southern Mississippi	2011

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Vocal Solos/Recitals/Opera

Brünnhilde, <i>Götterdämmerung</i>	New York Opera Forum	2017
Doctoral Lecture Recital	University of Southern Mississippi New York City	2016
Elisabetta, <i>Don Carlo</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Leonore, <i>Fidelio</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Amelia, <i>Un Ballo in Maschera</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Rosalinda, <i>Die Fledermaus</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Elettra, <i>Idomeneo</i>	New York Opera Forum	2015
Chrysothemis, <i>Elektra</i>	New York Opera Forum	2015
Hanna Glawari, <i>The Merry Widow</i>	Southern Opera and Musical Theatre Company	2014
Doctoral Recital	University of Southern Mississippi Works by Wagner, Handel, Massenet, Debussy, Puccini, Strauss, and Wolf	2014
Fiordiligi, <i>Così fan tutte</i>	Southern Opera and Musical Theatre Company	2013
Suor Angelica, <i>Suor Angelica</i>	Operafestival di Roma	2012
Second Lady, <i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Festival South Opera	2011
<i>Come Ye Sons of Art</i> : alto Purcell	Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium	2011
<i>Mass in C Major</i> , mezzo-soprano Beethoven	Southern Wesleyan University	2011
Duet Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2011
Graduation Commencement Soloist	University of Georgia	2010

Graduate Voice Recital	University of Georgia	2010
	Works by Bach, Schubert, Liszt, Copland, Puccini, and Moses Hogan	
<i>Messiah</i> , mezzo-soprano	Southern Wesleyan University	2009
Soloist, original composition	University of Georgia	2009
By Zac Weaver, doctoral candidate		
<i>When Peace Flows</i> , doctoral recital	for two sopranos with orchestra	
Guest Soloist	Greenville Concert Band	2009
Vocal Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2008
	Works by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Strauss, Ravel, and Menotti	
Baccalaureate Chapel	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
University Concert Band Program	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
University Pops Concert	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
International Crusade Service	Murom, Russia	1995
Various music competitions	North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina	1993-1999

Piano Recitals/Solos

Senior Undergraduate Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
	Works by Bach, Mozart, Kabalevsky, and Rachmaninoff	
Various music competitions	North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina	1993-1999

Musical Theatre

<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Narrator	Clemson Little Theater	2009
<i>Quilters</i>	Lead Role	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
<i>Bye, Bye, Birdie</i>	Mrs. MacAfee	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
<i>Godspell</i>	Lead Role	Southern Wesleyan University	2000
<i>Dr. Newhart's Christmas Cure</i>	Dr. Newhart	Shady Grove Wesleyan Church	1998
<i>Bye, Bye, Birdie</i>	Mrs. MacAfee	Rockingham County High School	1998

Accompanying

<i>Tosca</i> (brass parts)	Mississippi Opera	2015
<i>Assassins</i>	University of Southern Mississippi Theater Department	2013
<i>The Music Man</i>	Southern Wesleyan University	2011
<i>Grease</i>	Oconee Community Theater	2010

<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	Southern Wesleyan University	2010
<i>SWUsical</i>	Southern Wesleyan University	2009
<i>Kismet</i>	Clemson Little Theater	2008
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Southern Wesleyan University	2008
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Oconee Community Theater	2007
<i>Kneel at the Manger</i>	Greenville First Wesleyan Church	2008
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Star/Iva Middle School	2002
<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	Rockingham County Theater	1999

MUSICALS CONDUCTED AND DIRECTED

<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera (Music Director and Orchestra Conductor)	2014
<i>L.O.S.T.</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2012
<i>God of Wonders</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2011
<i>Follow the Star</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2011
<i>The Music Man</i>	Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2011
<i>Grease</i>	Oconee Community Theater	2010
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2010
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Clemson Little Theater (Music Director)	2009
<i>SWUsical</i>	Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2009
<i>God of Wonders</i>	Lakeview Christian School	2008
<i>Christmas Around the World</i>	Lakeview Christian School	2008
<i>Kismet</i>	Clemson Little Theater (Music Director)	2008
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2008
<i>Fear Not Factor</i>	Lakeview Christian School	2007
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Oconee Community Theater (Assistant Music Director)	2007
<i>Good News Cruise</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2007
<i>Annie Jr. Broadway</i>	Grace Lutheran Drama Club (Co-director)	2007
<i>Stranger in the Manger</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006
<i>Come, Lord Jesus</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006

<i>Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006
<i>Away in A Manger</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>The Trees of Christmas</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>Power Play</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>Journey to Bethlehem</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2004
<i>Ring Out the Good News</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2004

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship at the University of Southern Mississippi

Graduated Cum Laude

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges

Received 2nd place at Regional NATS in Maryland in 2000

1st place at Central Florida NATS in 2012