

# River Fisher



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## PROFILE

- Musician and educator who excels in creating meaningful experiences for her students through various art forms, with an emphasis on collaboration and equity.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CHOIR ASSISTANT/ACCOMPANIST • GRETNA HIGH SCHOOL**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER • GRETNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

AUG. 2020 - PRESENT | GRETNA, NE

- Rehearsed and conducted the pit orchestra for Shrek the Musical and Newsies.
- Recruited and rehearsed high school instrumentalists for the Revolution and Evolution show choirs. Won Revolution's first "Best Band" title in 2023.
- Led choir sectionals and individual voice lessons.
- Provided piano accompaniment for 3-5 concerts per year.
- Fulfilled responsibilities of a substitute teacher in K-5, middle, and high school music classrooms.

**VOICE & PIANO FACULTY • IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

FALL 2021 – FALL 2022 | COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA

- Piano and voice instruction for music majors and non-majors in fulfillment of degree requirements.

**VOICE & PIANO FACULTY • SING OMAHA STUDIOS**

JUN 2019 – DEC 2021 | OMAHA, NE

- Piano and voice instruction for intermediate and advanced students of all ages.
- Teaching duties include selecting methods books and repertoire that are suitable to each student's ability level, individual and small group instruction, and recital accompaniment.
- Additional duties include managing social media platforms for studios and choirs, maintaining the vocal and piano music libraries, and clerical work.

## CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**

SUBSTITUTE LICENSE

TEACHER LICENSE, Music K-12

## EDUCATION

**MASTERS IN MUSIC EDUCATION**

Illinois State University

Normal, IL | December 2017

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION**

Augustana College

Rock Island, IL | May 2010

**MINOR IN CLASSICAL STUDIES, LATIN**

Augustana College

Rock Island, IL | May 2010

## AWARDS

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

R.O.W.V.A. High School | 2014

**NELS & EMMA SWANSON**

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Augustana College | 2006-2010

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

### VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER • MISSION MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUN 2018 - JUN 2019 | BELLEVUE, NE

- Taught three sections of mandatory 7th grade chorus and three sections of 8th grade elective chorus.
- Director of Brave Notations show choir

### K-12 MUSIC TEACHER • DIETERICH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

JUN 2017 - JUN 2018 | DIETERICH, IL

- Directed high school choir and band, mandatory 7th & 8th grade chorus, junior high band, and 5th/6th grade band.
- Extra-curricular duties included marching band, pep band, All-State preparation, color guard, and drama club.
- Served as the sole K-6 general music teacher for the district.
- Students participated in ILMEA District V Festival, ILMEA AllState Chorus, EIU Honor Band, Oblong Spooktacular, IESA and IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contests.

### K-12 VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER • R.O.W.V.A. COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUN 2012 - JUN 2016 | ONEIDA, IL

- Secured tenure as the K-12 vocal music instructor in the rural school district.
- Choir students in 7th-12th grades participated in ILMEA All-State and District II Festivals, Lincoln Trail Conference Honor Choir.
- Elementary students participated in the Peoria Area Civic Chorale Honor Choir. In 2014, I began the Early Bird Choir which provided music activities for students in the free breakfast program.
- In 2013, I helped students found the acapella group, Harmonics. This auditioned ensemble traveled to Nashville in 2016 to perform at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

## DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATRE

### DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS 2019-present | DES MOINES, IA

- Adjudicator for Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards

### SING OMAHA 2019-2021 | OMAHA, NE

- Villains musical theatre course, designer & instructor
- Broadway Bootcamp, workshop instructor

### DIETERICH HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018 | DIETERICH, IL

- Drama club sponsor

## EXPERTISE

- Project-Based Learning
- “Gamified” Student Assessment
- Creative Lesson Planning
- Cross-Curricular Planning & Instruction
- Vocal Technique

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Piano Accompaniment
- Conducting
- Diction: French, German, Italian, Latin (Ecclesiastical and Classic), Russian, Scandinavian Languages, Spanish
- Vocal Performance



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## DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATRE, CONTINUED

Year	Position	Production	Theater
2023	Music Director	Pirates of Penzance	Chanticleer Community Theater
2023	Pit Director	Newsies	Gretna High School
2022	Pianist	Legally Blonde, the Musical	The Lofte Community Theater
2022	Pit Director	Shrek, the Musical	Gretna High School
2021	Pianist	I Do! I Do! I Do! I Do!	The Lofte Community Theater
2018	Director	Murder at the Orient Express	Dietrich High School
2016	Music Director	Pirates of Penzance	ROWVA High School
2015	Director	Little Shop of Horrors	ROWVA High School
2014	Vocal Director	Christmas Story	Prairie Players Civic Theater
2014	Director	You're a Good Man, Charlie...	ROWVA High School
2013	Director	Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr.	ROWVA High School
2012	Music Director	Oliver!	Limelight Theater, Oswego
2012	Music Director	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual....Spelling Bee	Limelight Theater, Oswego
2012	Director	Mulan, Jr.	Algonquin Middle School
2011	Director	Once Upon a Mattress	Algonquin Middle School

## CHORAL & CONCERT

### RESONANCE 2019-PRESENT | OMAHA, NE

- "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert"
- "Batman in Concert"

### NOVA SINGERS 2013-2016 | GALESBURG, IL

- *Bluegrass Mass* with Monroe Crossing
- *Canticum Calamitatis Novum* under the baton of composer Jaakko Mäntyjärvi
- *Afro-American Fragments IV: Song for Billy Holiday* by William Averitt | Featured soprano soloist

### CHICAGO CHORALE 2011-2012 | CHICAGO, IL

- Mozart *Requiem*

Year	Role	Production	Theater
2022	Chorus	Opera Outdoors	Opera Omaha
2022	Chorus	Eugene Onegin	Opera Omaha
2021	Chorus	Opera Outdoors	Opera Omaha
2019	Cinderella's Mother	Into the Woods	Papillion LaVista Community Theater
2018	Chorus	My Fair Lady	Chanticleer Community Theater
2015	Inga	Young Frankenstein	Prairie Players Civic Theater
2013	Emma	Jekyll & Hyde	Eastlight Theatre
2010	Lily	The Secret Garden	Augustana College Theater
2009	Soloist	A Night at the Opera	Rock Island Genesis Guild
2009	Laurie	The Tenderland	Opera @ Augustana
2007	Jenny	Down in the Valley	Opera @ Augustana
2006	Nella	Gianni Schicchi	Opera @ Augustana