

# Jill Phillips, mezzo-soprano

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## Education

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2020	University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music (CCM) Cincinnati, OH DMA Voice – Pedagogy Cognate
2012	University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music (CCM) Cincinnati, OH MM Voice
2010	Luther College Decorah, IA BA Music Graduated <i>summa cum laude</i>

## Professional Teaching Appointments

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2022 – present, 2014-2017	Luther College	Decorah, IA
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*Lecturer in Music – Voice*

- Teach music and non-music majors half-hour or hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to seniors in undergraduate
- Assign repertoire
- Help program and prepare students for degree and non-degree voice recitals
- Help prepare students for academic auditions
- Create assignments and provide feedback
- Facilitate an hour-long weekly voice studio class, during which students have an opportunity to perform for, and receive feedback from, their peers and me
- Adjudicate semester voice juries

**2017 – present** **Wyoming Fine Arts Center** **Wyoming, OH**

*Virtual Voice Instructor*

- Teach students half-hour voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from middle school to high school via virtual platforms
- Assign repertoire
- Organize a studio voice recital performed by the students
- Help prepare students for vocal auditions and competitions as needed
- Prepare students for roles in musicals such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Addams Family*, and *The Little Mermaid*

**2021 – 2022** **Luther College** **Decorah, IA**

*Adjunct Instructor of Voice*

- Taught music and non-music majors half-hour or hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to seniors in undergraduate
- Assigned repertoire
- Helped program and prepare students for degree and non-degree voice recitals
- Helped prepare students for academic auditions
- Facilitated an hour-long weekly voice studio class, during which students had an opportunity to perform for, and receive feedback from, their peers and me
- Adjudicated semester voice juries

**2021 – 2022** **Viterbo University** **La Crosse, WI**

*Adjunct Instructor of Voice*

- Taught musical theater majors hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to juniors in undergraduate
- Taught theater majors half-hour or hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to juniors in undergraduate
- Assigned repertoire
- Helped prepare students for academic and professional auditions
- Adjudicated semester voice juries

**2021 Summer** **Wyoming Fine Arts Center** **Cincinnati, OH**

*Choir Camp Co-Director*

- Organized daily schedule
- Collaborated with Wyoming Fine Arts Center faculty
- Assigned repertoire
- Facilitated music games
- Prepared camp participants for culminating choir concert
- Conducted camp participants in culminating choir concert

**2020-2021**

**Thomas More University**

**Crestview Hills, KY**

*Adjunct Instructor of Voice*

- Taught non-music majors half-hour voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to seniors in undergraduate
- Assigned repertoire
- Created assignments and provided feedback

**2020 Summer**

**Wyoming Fine Arts Center**

**Cincinnati, OH**

*Virtual Opera Camp Co-Director*

- Organized daily schedule
- Collaborated with Wyoming Fine Arts Center faculty
- Researched material related to such topics as opera history, musical styles, instrumentation, composers, lyricists, singing artists, and voice types
- Presented lecture material related to such topics as opera history, musical styles, instrumentation, composers, lyricists, singing artists, and voice types via virtual platforms
- Collaborated with staff and singing artists from Cincinnati Opera via virtual platforms
- Facilitated Q & A sessions with camp participants via virtual platforms

**2017**

**Luther College**

**Decorah, IA**

*Assistant Stage Director – Spring Opera*

- Assisted with musical preparation for *The Gondoliers* by W.S. Gilbert and A. Sullivan
- Assisted with staging
- Participated in production meetings

**2016, 2017**

*Co-instructor of Fall Opera Scenes Course*

- Prepared, musically and dramatically, undergraduate sophomores through seniors in opera scenes
- Organized weekly rehearsal schedules
- Directed scenes from *Fidelio*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Giulio Cesare*, *L'italiana in Algeri*, and *Le nozze di Figaro*
- Worked with a budget
- Organized the culminating performance given by the students in Luther College's recital hall

**2014**

*Sabbatical Replacement Voice Teacher*

- Taught music and non-music majors half-hour or hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from first years to seniors in undergraduate
- Helped prepare students for degree and non-degree voice recitals
- Facilitated an hour-long weekly voice studio class, during which students had an opportunity to perform for, and receive feedback from, their peers and me
- Adjudicated semester voice juries

**Fall 2013**

**Rockdale Academy**

**Cincinnati, OH**

*Cincinnati Outreach (COR) Music Project Teacher*

- Taught music skills to students, ranging in age from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, for an after-school program meeting five days a week
- Helped to prepare the students for two public music concerts

## **Professional Development**

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**2022 Summer**

**Contemporary Commercial Music (CCM)  
Vocal Pedagogy Institute**

**Shenandoah University**

- Attended Session I (virtually): Respiration & Phonation for CCM Singers
  - Learned about vocal fitness, wellness, and the principles of exercise physiology
  - Learned about training vocal registers
  - Learned about teaching from speech
  - Learned about belting
  - Learned about navigating the differences between such genres as musical theater, jazz, and commercial music
- Attended Session II (virtually): Resonance and Articulation for CCM Singers
  - Learned about storytelling and the vocal tract
  - Learned about vocal tract drills
  - Participated in vocal troubleshooting masterclasses
  - Learned about helping singers cross over from classical training to CCM style
  - Listened to presentations given by experts who specialize in fields such as vocal pathology, speech language pathology, vocal pedagogy, and vocal rehabilitation

**2018 Summer**

**Building Your Tool Kit: University of the Arts – Philadelphia  
A Teaching Artist Symposium**

- Attended a one-day symposium with fellow teaching artists in Philadelphia
- Participated in break-out sessions with experts on topics such as restorative practice and inclusion
- Learned about opportunities for artistic engagement within communities that are outside of the traditional classroom or space
- Listened to a keynote address from Eric Booth, renowned teaching artist, author, and advocate
- Listened to panelist discussions

## Academic Teaching Appointments

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**September 2017 – May 2019**      **University of Cincinnati – CCM**      **Cincinnati, OH**  
*Graduate Assistant in Voice*

- Taught music and non-music majors half-hour or hour-long voice lessons weekly, ranging in age from undergraduate to graduate
- Assigned repertoire
- Facilitated two sections of a Class Voice course for non-voice majors
- Organized and presented lectures for the Class Voice course
- Created assignments and provided feedback for the Class Voice course
- Provided individual vocal instruction for students in the Class Voice course

## Other Work Experience

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**May 2021 – present**      **Humboldt Public Library**      **Humboldt, IA**  
*Library Assistant*

- Work with a team of librarians
- Check in and out circulating materials
- Shelve returned materials
- Facilitate opening and closing procedures
- Assist with interlibrary loan
- Answer telephone calls
- Communicate with staff and public
- Provide Director with pertinent information on all facets of library functions
- Assist other staff in the performance of their duties as needed

## Performance Training

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2015 Summer	Opera Saratoga Apprentice Artist	Saratoga Springs, NY
2013 Spring	Simon Estes Foundation Young Artist	Des Moines, IA
2013 Summer 2012 Summer	Des Moines Metro Opera Apprentice Artist	Indianola, IA
2011 Summer	Wolf Trap Opera Studio Artist	Vienna, VA
2008 Summer	American Institute of Musical Studies Concert Studio Artist	Graz, Austria

## Professional Performing Opportunities

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### Opera Roles:

2015	Cenerentola*	<i>La cenerentola</i>	Opera Saratoga
2015	Dido*	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Opera Saratoga
2014	Gertrude	<i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Kentucky Opera
2013	Lisetta	<i>Il mondo della luna</i>	Cincinnati Chamber Opera
2013	Sally	<i>A Hand of Bridge</i>	NANOWorks Opera
2013	Zweite Mägd	<i>Elektra</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Alisa	<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Dayton Opera
2012	Filippjevna*	<i>Yevgeny Onegin</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera

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### Opera Scenes:

2013	Tisbe	<i>La cenerentola</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	Cornelia	<i>Giulio Cesare</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	Sister Helen Prejean	<i>Dead Man Walking</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	Elizabeth Proctor	<i>The Crucible</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	Giovanna	<i>Anna Bolena</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	Charlotte	<i>Werther</i>	Simon Estes Foundation
2012	Mallika	<i>Lakmé</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Princess Eboli	<i>Don Carlo</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Old Baroness	<i>Vanessa</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Giovanna	<i>Rigoletto</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Zweite Mägd	<i>Elektra</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	Isabella	<i>L'italiana in Algeri</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2011	Cenerentola	<i>La cenerentola</i>	Wolf Trap Opera
2011	Madame de la Haltière	<i>Cendrillon</i>	Wolf Trap Opera

### Opera Choruses:

2015	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Opera Saratoga
2013	<i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	<i>Elektra</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2013	<i>Peter Grimes</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	<i>Yevgeny Onegin</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera
2012	<i>La rondine</i>	Des Moines Metro Opera

### Concert Works:

2019	Vivaldi <i>Gloria</i> alto soloist with Thomas More University	Covington, KY
2018	Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas Episcopal Church alto soloist	Terrace Park, OH
2017	Peoria Bach Festival alto soloist	Peoria, IL
2017	Mozart <i>Requiem</i> mezzo-soprano soloist with Decorah Chorale and Oneota Valley Community Orchestra	Decorah, IA
2016	Verdi <i>Requiem</i> mezzo-soprano soloist with Bradley University Choirs and Orchestra	Peoria, IL

### Church Choirs:

2018 – 2021	St. Timothy's Episcopal Church – alto section leader	Cincinnati, OH
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### Recitals:

2016	Faculty Recital	Luther College
2013	Simon Estes Young Artist Recitals	Clarinda, IA Eldora, IA Hampton, IA Osage, IA

## Academic Performing Opportunities

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### Operas Roles:

2012	Baba the Turk	<i>The Rake's Progress</i>	CCM Opera
2011	Old Prioress	<i>Dialogues of the Carmelites</i>	CCM Opera
2011	Marcellina	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	CCM Opera
2010	Marcellina	<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Luther College Opera
2009	Prince Orlofsky*	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Luther College Opera
2008	Third Spirit	<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Luther College Opera

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### Operas Scenes:

2011	Auntie	<i>Peter Grimes</i>	CCM Opera
2009	Chorus Member	<i>Il trovatore</i>	Luther College Opera
2009	Dame Quickly	<i>Falstaff</i>	Luther College Opera
2009	Preziosilla	<i>La forza del destino</i>	Luther College Opera
2008	Charlotte	<i>Werther</i>	Luther College Opera
2007	Chorus Member	<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Luther College Opera
2007	Marcellina	<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Luther College Opera
2007	Dorabella	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Luther College Opera
2007	Fairgoer	<i>Martha</i>	Luther College Opera
2007	Witch	<i>Macbeth</i>	Luther College Opera

### Concert Works:

2018	Haydn <i>Lord Nelson Mass</i> alto soloist with CCM Chamber Singers and CCM Orchestra	CCM
2017	J.S. Bach <i>Mass in B minor</i> alto soloist with CCM Chamber Choir and CCM Orchestra	CCM
2011	<i>Das klagende Lied</i> alto soloist with CCM Concert Orchestra	CCM
2011	<i>Das klagende Lied</i> alto soloist with Ohio University Symphony Orchestra	Athens, OH

### Recitals:

2019	DMA Lecture Recital	CCM
2018	DMA Degree Recitals (Spring 2018 and Fall 2018)	CCM
2012	MM Degree Recital	CCM
2010	Senior Recital	Luther College
2009	BA Degree Recital	Luther College

## Voice Teachers

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### Thomas Baresel

University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music (CCM)

### Freda Hersefh

University of Michigan

### Kenneth Shaw

University of Cincinnati – CCM

### Karen Kanakis

Luther College

### Linda Di Fiore

AIMS in Graz

## Voice Coaches

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### Michael Baitzer

Wolf Trap Opera

### Grant Loehnig

Wolf Trap Opera

### Lydia Brown

University of Cincinnati – CCM

### Donna Loewy

University of Cincinnati – CCM



**Rick Cordova**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Jeremy Frank**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Jodi Goble**  
Simon Estes Foundation

**Kenneth Griffiths**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Tessa Hartle**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Lisa Hasson**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM  
Kentucky Opera  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Marie-France Lefebvre**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Elden Little**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Terry Lusk**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Jessica Paul**  
Luther College

**Allen Perriello**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Stephanie Rhodes Russell**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Laurie Rogers**  
Opera Saratoga

**Michael Sakir**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Michael Spassov**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Tatiana Vassilieva**  
Des Moines Metro Opera  
Wolf Trap Opera

## Conductors

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**Daniel Baldwin**  
Luther College

**Larry Blank**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Michael Borowitz**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Matt Cody**  
Oneota Valley Community Orchestra

**Mark Gibson**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**David Neely**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Nicole Paiement**  
Opera Saratoga

**Daniel Parsley**  
St. Timothy Episcopal's Church Choir

**Emmanuel Plasson**  
Kentucky Opera

**Kostis Protopapas**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Israel Gursky**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**John Jost**  
Bradley University and Peoria Bach Festival

**Joseph Mechavich**  
Dayton Opera

**Carlton Monroe**  
Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas Episcopal Church

**Earl Rivers**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Annuziata Tomaro**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Gary Wedow**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Michael Wheatley**  
Cincinnati Chamber Opera

## **Stage Directors**

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**Karole Armitage**  
Opera Saratoga

**Linda Ade Brand**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Octavio Cardenas**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Kathleen Clawson**  
Dayton Opera

**Andrew Eggert**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Tara Faircloth**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Steven Goldstein**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Robin Guarino**  
University of Cincinnati – CCM

**Brenda Harris**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Sarah Hutchings**  
Cincinnati Chamber Opera

**David Judisch**  
Luther College

**Dugg McDonough**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Kristine McIntyre**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Tim Ocel**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Danny Pelzig**  
Kentucky Opera

**Dan Rigazzi**  
Wolf Trap Opera

**Andrew Ryker**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**John de los Santos**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Christine Seitz**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

**Bill Shomos**  
Des Moines Metro Opera

## **Honors and Awards**

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2017-2019	Graduate Assistant Scholarship – Voice	CCM
2012	Anne Larson Artist	Des Moines Metro Opera
2011-2012	Dieterle Scholarship	CCM
2010-2012	Graduate Scholarship	CCM
2010	Inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda	Luther College
2010	Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa	Luther College
2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> place – MONCA Upper Midwest Region	St. Paul, MN
2010	MONCA Iowa District Finalist	Ames, IA

## **Scholarly Research**

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2020	DMA Project: <i>A Diction Guide for Selected Yiddish Songs from the Lodz and Vilna Ghettos During the Shoah</i>	CCM
2019	DMA Lecture Recital: “Songs of the Suppressed During the <i>Shoah</i> : A Study in Performing Music from the Lodz and Vilna Ghettos”	CCM

## **Language Experience**

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English – Native fluency  
 German – Intermediate fluency  
 French –Elementary fluency  
 Italian – Elementary fluency  
 Spanish – Elementary fluency  
 Russian – Phonetic fluency

## **Dance Experience**

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Ballet – 3 years  
 Jazz – 2 years  
 Tap – 2 years

## Volunteer Experience

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2021	<i>Annie</i> musical and stage preparation	Humboldt High School	Humboldt, IA
2020	Music Leader	St. Peter Lutheran Church	Pocahontas, IA
2019	Habitat for Humanity		Cincinnati, OH

## Additional Skills

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Virtual platforms used for teaching  
Microsoft Office  
Piano playing  
Flute playing  
Able to conduct a small choir

## Professional References

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Available upon request