

Marius Bahnean

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

2012- 2015	Doctor of Musical Arts, Choral Conducting	Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA
2010-2012	Master of Music, Choral Conducting	University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
2003-2007	Honors Bachelor of Music, Music Theory	Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Ontario

Professional Experience

July 2023 – Present **Associate Professor of Music & Director of Choral Studies** The Master's University
Paul T. Plew School of Music Santa Clarita, CA

Overseeing all choral activities and recruitment of choral and vocal music majors. Conductor of The Master's Chorale, a highly selective auditioned choir, and The Master's University Singers, a large choral ensemble opened to all campus community. Teaching Conducting, Music History, and Aural Skills courses. Responsible for recruitment of quality vocal music students. Advising music majors and serving various faculty committees.

May 2022 – Present **Adjunct Instructor of Music, School of Music Online** Liberty University
Lynchburg, VA

Teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in applied conducting, church music history, and music in worship within the Department of Music & Worship. Advising graduate students with their research work.

Aug. 2014 – July 2023 **Associate Professor & Director of Choral Activities** Tennessee Wesleyan University
Chair, Department of Fine Arts & Communications Athens, TN

Promoted to Associate Professor and granted Tenure on April 24, 2020.

Overseeing all the university's choral activities and recruitment of music majors. Conductor of Concert Choir, a large choral ensemble open to all students on campus. Conductor of TWU Chorale, a highly selective auditioned chamber choir. Maintaining a voice studio of music major students. Teaching Conducting courses and Music History survey courses from the ancient times to the contemporary. Responsible for recruitment of quality music students. Serving as faculty member of the TWU Institution Effectiveness Committee and various Faculty Search Committees. Budgeting and chairing the Department of Fine Arts & Communications. Providing support for all department faculty, hiring of Adjunct faculty, and supervising all activities within the department.

March 2018-July 2023 Minister of Music

Inskip Baptist Church
Knoxville, TN

Overseeing all the church's service music. Planning of the weekly hymns, Offertories, other special music, and conducting the anthem. Rehearsing the chancel choir and presenting a Christmas cantata yearly. Some offertory solo music also provided. Part of the Church Council, managed music budget, and two staff accompanists. Secured instrumentalists for special music presentations on High Sundays.

Aug. 2018 -Aug. 2023 College Representative East Tennessee Vocal Association

ETVA
Knoxville, TN

Representing East Tennessee colleges and universities professors of Choral and Choral Music Education to the board of East Tennessee Vocal Association. Duties include: providing guest judges for the yearly JB Lyle High School Competition; addressing the needs of university professors to the board of ETVA for a better collaboration between institutions; sitting on the board meeting of All-East choral clinics and competitions. Visiting high schools and providing support to the high school choral programs in East Tennessee.

June 2019

Nahant Music Festival Principal Organist and Coach, Cantatas

Nahant, MA

Organist for the Cantatas concerts as part of the Nahant Music Festival. Continuo playing, and coach for the choirs presenting the Festival's concerts. Work in close collaboration with the guest artists, and the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor.

Sept. 2018-Dec. 2018 Music Director

Central UMC
Lenoir City, TN

Overseeing all the church's service music and managing the extensive Worship Budget during the transition from a full-time music director to a part-time position. Planning of the weekly hymns, Offertories, other special music, and conducting the anthem. Rehearsing the chancel choir and presenting a Christmas cantata yearly. Overseeing the contemporary service and providing keyboard accompaniment for the worship band.

Aug. 2014 - Sep. 2018 Music Director

Allen Memorial UMC
Athens, TN

Overseeing all the church's service music. Planning of the weekly hymns, Offertories, other special music, and conducting the anthem. Rehearsing the chancel choir and presenting a Christmas cantata yearly. Some offertory solo music also provided.

Summer 2014

Conducting Workshop - Stephen Cleobury, CBE

LSU School of Music
Baton Rouge, LA

Participated in a two-week intensive conducting masterclass led by Stephen Cleobury, Director of Music, Choir of King's College, Cambridge, United Kingdom. Intensive podium time under the supervision of Cleobury, followed by a performance of Evensong with the ensemble of the Institute.

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- July 2014-2020** **C. S. Lewis Oxbridge Institute Choir** Oxford Univ. and Univ. of Cambridge
United Kingdom
- Part of the institute's choir as tenor, and assistant conductor to Dr. John Dickson. Rehearsed the professional choir and performed at Oxford and Cambridge's university chapels during the duration of the institute. Two final performances at John's College Chapel, and King's College Chapel, Cambridge, culminated the two-week institute participation.
- August 2013- 2014** **Music Director** St. Alban's Episcopal (Anglican) Church
Baton Rouge, LA
- Responsible for all service music, hiring of section leaders within the choir and weekly choir rehearsal. Maintaining a set-budget, scheduling of hired musicians for the afternoon service, and playing the organ when needed. A Spring Concert Series presented each year.
- Sept. 2013- Present** **Music Director of the Romanian Baptist Convention** Portland, OR
- Programed, rehearsed, and performed with the Romanian Baptist Association Orchestra and Choirs during the annual conventions. Provided the music with a Men's choir, Adult Mixed choir, Youth choir and orchestra for all programs.
- May 2009 - Present** **Lauda Domini Festival** Chicago, IL
- Guest conductor of the Festival Chorus and Orchestra, of the Romania Baptist Youth Choral Festival.
- October 2008-2009** **Music Director** Grace Romanian Baptist Church
Naples, FL
- Scheduled and oversaw all music programs in the church, conducted the mixed choir and youth choir, and played the piano for all services. Managed the music budget.
- September 2004-2007** **Assistant to Artistic Director** - Howard Dyck Grand Philharmonic Choir
Kitchener, Ontario
- Rehearsed the adult choir of about 100 auditioned members, and the Chamber Choir of about 32 members, when the Artistic Director was not present. Conducted parts of concerts as the assistant director.
- September 2004-2008** **Assistant to Artistic Director** – Michael Purves-Smith Wellington Winds
Waterloo, Ontario
- Rehearsed the wind symphony ensemble, made up of professional and semi-professional players. Conducted performances of the ensemble during the regular season and helped the Artistic Director with multiple organizational tasks.

Professional Activities

Clinics, Workshops, and Publications

- May 17-21, 2023** **Guest Conductor and Clinician – Logos School of Music** Logos School of Music
Chicago, IL
- Guest conductor and clinician at the Logos School of Music working with all ensembles and presenting workshops to the teaching faculty. The workshop culminated in a presentation of sacred choral compositions presented during the Sunday morning worship time.
- May 16-21, 2022** **Guest Conductor – Logos School of Music Orchestra** Logos School of Music
Chicago, IL
- Guest conductor of the Logos School of Music Orchestra in a program of Dvorak Symphony no. 9, Hummel Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major, and Beethoven Symphony no. 9.
- April 24-26, 2022** **C. Graupner Cantatas Guest Lecturer and Concert Presentation** LSU Lafayette
Lafayette, LA
- Guest Lecturer on Christoph Graupner cantatas, and presentation in concert of a personal urtext modern edition cantata with LSU Lafayette Chamber Choir. I will be playing the organ continuo for the concert.
- February 18, 2022** **Lauda Domini Youth Choirs Festival** Bethany Baptist Church
Los Angeles, CA
- Guest speaker and conference conductor of the Romanian Baptist Youth Choir Festival: "Lauda Domini." Held seminars on the importance of music in church, coached young conductors in technique, score study, and leading congregations in song in varied styles.
- November 2, 2019** **Bach All Night – Magnificat BWV 243 and Jauchzet Gott, BWV 51** Colby College
Waterville, ME
- Principal continuo keyboardist as Visiting Artist Faculty for Colby College's performance of Bach's Magnificat in D Major, BWV 243, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BWV 51, and Motet: Ich lasse dich nicht, Anh. 159.
- August 8-9, 2019** **Sevier County ALL-EAST Seymour High School Workshop** Seymour, TN
- Clinician of the Sevier County High School All-East Workshop held at Seymour High School, Seymour, TN. Two-day clinic teaching the TN All-East audition pieces, teaching sight reading, and providing insight about university music auditions preparation and etiquette. Performing the audition pieces for final concert of the clinic.
- November 9, 2018** **McMinn County Choral Festival** Athens, TN
- Clinician of the First McMinn County Choral Festival. A day-long clinic with all choirs within McMinn County in East Tennessee, from grade 6 through 12. A full concert was presented at the end of the clinic, with the student mass choir.

April 16-21, 2018 ***I Am Already Big* - Colby College Collegium** Colby College
Waterville, ME

A survey of the unique origins of choral music. Juxtaposed with audio samples of each composer's final works, aiming to show where the journey begins and ends. Select works include Bach's first church cantata, BWV 4: Christ lag in Todesbanden and Christoph Graupner's 1709 cantata *Ach wo nun hin*, performed from a modern edition executed by Marius Bahnean. A pre-concert lecture on the importance of Graupner as an originator was given.

November 2017 **East Tennessee Vocal Association 2017 All-East Honors Choirs** Maryville College
Maryville, TN

SATB Choir Clinician for the ETVA 2017 All-East Honors Choirs. Selected the repertoire for the SATB Choir, rehearsed and performed during the final concert on November 18, 2017.

November 2016 **The Science of Music – Excellence in Performance** Transilvania University
Brasov, Romania

Music Conference at Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania, Published the article: *William Byrd – Masses for three voices, four voices, and five voices* in the University's peer-reviewed journal.

May 2016 **United Methodist Church Jubilee Conference** Pigeon Forge, TN

TWU Concert Choir and TWU Chorale participated as the Ensembles in Residence at the United Methodist Church Holston Conference during the annual gathering of The Jubilee Convention.

October 2015 **The Science of Music – Excellence in Performance** Transilvania University
Brasov, Romania

Music Conference at Transilvania University, Brasov, Romania, Published the article: *Christoph Graupner (1685-1760) A Contextual Study of Cantata GWV 1127/19 O Welt Sieh Hier Dein Leben* in the University's peer-reviewed journal.

September 2004- Present

- Visiting Performing Faculty at Colby College, Waterville, ME, as a continuo keyboard player for the Collegium concerts.
- Numerous professional choral singing and conducting experiences in Toronto, Canada as part of Tafelmusik Baroque Institute; Oxford and Cambridge, UK with the Oxford Chamber Orchestra and C. S. Lewis Institute Choir; Portland, OR, Los Angeles, CA, Hickory, NC, and Detroit, MI with the North American Romanian Baptist Orchestra and Choir; Baton Rouge, LA with Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble.
- Extensive experience in church music as music director, section leader and keyboard player
- Frequent commissioner and conductor of choral works, including works by Michael Purves-Smith, and JAC Redford

Awards and Recognitions

- May 2023** **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of United Methodist Church**
- Teacher of the Year award presented as recognition of my work leading the Department of Fine Arts & Communications, choral director, classroom professor at Tennessee Wesleyan University, and leading numerous church music conferences, and conducting regional choirs.
- May 2017** **The Lockmiller Teacher of the Year Award** Tennessee Wesleyan University
Athens, TN
- The Lockmiller Teacher of the Year Award was established by the Lockmiller family to honor a faculty member who is exceptional in the areas of effective teaching, student counseling, research and publications, and campus leadership. The award was received for the 2016-2017 academic year.
- May 2018** **Deane G. Hall Award** Tennessee Wesleyan University
Athens, TN
- The award is presented to a full-time faculty member who has taught at TWU for a minimum of three years. The selection is determined by a vote of the faculty based on the performance of the nominee with respect to effectiveness with students, intellectual integrity, imagination in presentation of subject matter and enthusiasm in the general learning process.

Professional Affiliations

American Choral Directors Associations (ACDA)
American Musicological Society (AMS)
East Tennessee Vocal Association (ETVA)

Computer Skills

Operating Systems: Windows XP/Mac OS X
Internet Browsers: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Opera
Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook)
Garageband, Band in a Box, Sibelius Music Notation, Sonar Producer Edition