

KATIE JENNISON

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Vocal & Piano Instructor | Advanced Musician & Vocal Performer | Furman University Vocal Performance Graduate

EDUCATION

Furman University | Class of 2020 | *Vocal Performance Major, Magna Cum Laude*
St. Catherine's School | Class of 2016 | *Graduated with Cum Laude distinction*

Greenville, SC
Richmond, VA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Mount Vernon Schools

Executive Assistant to the Lower School

- Works front of office for the school, receiving visitors and monitoring students as they arrive to and leave the school
- Acts as assistant to Head of Lower Campus, scheduling meetings, fielding calls from parents, and works as communication intermediary for different departments

Sandy Springs, GA
Dec. 2021 - Current

Lessons in Your Home

Voice and Piano Instructor

- Instructed 15 students weekly for 30 minutes- 1 hour, led intentional warmups and theory segments, worked through repertoire to enhance technique
- Coordinated schedules with parents and children if schedule changes arose
- Took classes and attended seminars on pedagogy technique and strategies
- Prepared, organized and filmed a virtual recital for students in May and December 2021

Atlanta, GA
2020 - 2021

Camp Seafarer

Sailing Program Manager

- Led team of 5 administrative staff to instruct 700+ children in the skill of sailing
- Responsible for fleet of 85 high-quality sailboats
- Taught hands on and classroom instruction on sailboat operation, maintenance, and racing for all levels to 700+ campers
- Provided vision for overall sailing program and executed directives from the Program Director
- Attended weekly meetings with executive team to implement program efficiently
- Trained, coached, and evaluated 40+ counselors

Arapahoe, NC
2014 - 2021

Assistant Sailing Program Manager

- Worked on a 5 member leadership team to oversee 40 staff members and implement a certified instructional seamanship program
- Worked hands-on with boat maintenance supervisor to fix broken boats and systems throughout the Sailing program
- Taught hands on sailing instruction to counselors and 700+ campers

Cabin Counselor & Sailing Staff (3 Summers)

- Responsible for safety and happiness of 12 campers in cabin from start of the day to mealtimes and bedtime
- Worked on sailing staff during activity time, teaching campers to sail and race on all types of boats including 17-foot Lightnings
- Led a cabin counselor team to provide care and a positive camp experience to campers

Nanny, Independent

- Four months as caretaker for 6 year old girl and 8 year old boy (35 hrs/week)
 - Facilitated online learning and after school care, fed them and monitored safety
- Five months as caretaker for 18 month old (20 hrs/week)

Atlanta, GA
Sept 2020-May 2021

Virginia Repertory Theatre

Intern to Music Director, Anthony Smith

- Worked as assistant to Music Director, aiding in both vocal and instrumental rehearsals with the cast of West Side Story at the Theatre
- Gained valuable experience working on a show from start to finish, as well as a better understanding of the music directing process
- Observed rehearsals and shows from the orchestra pit, learning about proper behavior and edicate when acting as orchestra musician

Richmond, VA
Summer 2018

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SPARC Summer Camps

Counselor, Assistant Music Director

- Organized and led performances for children of ages 9-13
- Counseled and ensured the safety of campers through managing their camp experience

Richmond, VA
Summer 2018

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Post Graduate Work

- member of Atlanta Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus
- Paid soloist for Trinity Presbyterian Church, worked with renowned conductor Norman Mackenzie to support his church choir

Atlanta, GA
2021-present

Music Experience

Soubrette Soprano, Piano Experience

- 6+ years of advanced professional vocal instruction
- Featured soloist in orchestral and choral performances
- Soloist in Handel's *Messiah* with Furman Symphony Orchestra, 2019
- Experience in conducting, performing, and voice pedagogy
- Piano experience: 10 years of private lessons 2005-2015

Greenville, SC
2016-2020

Notable Performances

Lead & Cast Member

- Elle Woods, *Legally Blonde*, Furman University Pauper Players
- Logainne, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Furman University Pauper Players
- Olive, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, St. Catherine's School

Greenville, SC
2018-2020

Production Experience

Director, Music Director, Producer

- *In the Silence: A New Musical*, Director, Furman University Pauper Players
 - Workshopped newly composed musical from its early stages over the course of four years
 - Produced a musical reading of show in 2017, developed the material further, closely working with the composer/librettist
 - Directed a staged reading of the show in 2018, with full cast and costumes
 - Directed final production in 2019 with full set, costumes, lighting design, cast and crew in Furman University's McAlister Theatre
- *Miscast Cabaret*, Director, Furman University Pauper Players, 2019
- *A Chorus Line*, Music Director, Furman University Pauper Players, 2019
- Furman University Pauper Players Council: experience running front of house for a theater, coordinating set and lighting design, running auditions and casting

Greenville, SC
2016-2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Paid Soloist & Choral Scholar

- Worked as a paid soloist, singing and working with musicians to lead worship in both contemporary and traditional services

Traveler's Rest, SC
2017-2018

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Furman University Singers

President & Member

- As President, led the university choir in organizing auditions and performances, setting up rehearsals, and planning concerts and tours
- Organized the annual national tour, working with church administrators and members on behalf of the choir

Greenville, SC
2016-2020

Furman University Pauper Players

Greenville, SC

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Leadership Council Member

2018-2020

- Led student-run theater organization, working on publicity, ticket sales, social media, and finances for all shows and events
- Interviewed and selected directors, heard pitches for shows and chose each season
- Ran Front of House, coordinated set and lighting design, conducted auditions and casting
- Collaborated with actors, crew, production team, and other Council members to ensure the success of the organization

Furman University, Delta Gamma sorority

Greenville, SC

Honor Board Representative & Member

2017-2020

- Served on the disciplinary board for the sorority, maintaining standards and adhering to sorority bylaws
- Responsible for attending weekly board meetings, earning points towards goals, raising money for philanthropy, and helping facilitate events

AWARDS & HONORS

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| • Character Counts Award, Camp Seafarer, 2021 | • Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honors Society, inducted 2020 |
| • Dean's List, 2016-2020 | • Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, inducted 2017 |
| • Furman Senior Order, inducted 2019 | • Recipient of Bell Tower Vocal Scholarship |
| • Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, inducted 2019 | |

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

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| • Advanced Musician & Vocal Performer | • Advanced Sailor & Instructor |
| • Experienced Music Teacher & Child Caretaker | • US Coast Guard Certification |
| • Skilled Music Director & Producer | • Small Boat Sailing Certification |
| • Spanish Language - Intermediate Proficiency | • Keelboat Certification |