

Spencer Domer
Criticum Vitae
Conductor & Tenor

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Production Experience:

Frederic (Cover)	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Raylynmor Opera	2024
Ensemble	<i>The Barber of Seville</i>	Indianapolis Opera	2024
Ensemble	<i>Carmen</i>	Union Avenue Opera	2024
Spiridione	<i>Il Campanello di Notte</i>	Ball State Opera Theatre	2024
Martin	<i>The Tender Land</i>	Ball State Opera Theatre	2023
Ernesto	<i>The Billy Goats Gruff</i>	Opera Edwardsville	2023
Ernesto (Cover), Sextet Chorus	<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Union Avenue Opera	2023
Frederic (Cover) & Samuel (Cover)	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	MIOpera	2023
Prunier (Cover)	<i>La Rondine</i>	Southern Illinois Music Festival	2023
Rinuccio	<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Millikin University	2023
Will/Ensemble	<i>Falstaff</i>	Union Avenue Opera	2022
Piccolo	<i>Goldilocks & 3-singing bears</i>	Opera Edwardsville	2022
Ferrando	<i>Cosi Fan Tutte</i>	Millikin Opera Theatre	2022
Ensemble	<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Union Avenue Opera	2021
Biff Brannon	<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i>	Millikin Opera Theatre	2021
Ensemble	<i>Dido & Aeneas</i>	Millikin Opera Theatre	2021
Frederic	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Millikin University	2020
Aldolpho	<i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	Riverbend Theatre Co.	2019
Nicely-Nicely Johnson	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Riverbend Theatre Co.	2018

Concert Experience:

Tenor Soloist	<i>Handel's Messiah</i>	Westminster Presbyterian Church	2024
Eisenstein	<i>Opera Gala</i>	Ball State Opera Theatre	2023
Tenor Soloist	<i>Handel's Messiah</i>	Millkin-Decatur Chamber Orchestra	2023
Tenor Soloist	<i>Handel's Messiah</i>	Westminster Presbyterian Church	2023
Ensemble	<i>Ernani: In Concert</i>	Southern Illinois Music Festival	2023
Soloist	<i>Young Artist Concert</i>	Southern Illinois Music Festival	2023
Soloist	<i>Voices through time</i> recital	First-Presbyterian Church	2023
Awarded Vocalist	Phi Kappa Lambda Honors Recital	Millikin University	2023
Recitalist	Senior Recital	Millikin University	2023
2nd Place Winner	Hollis Prize	Millikin University	2022
Student Soloist	<i>12-Days of Opera Edwardsville</i>	Opera Edwardsville	2022
Tenor Soloist	Orchestra Advent	Central Christian Church	2022
Tenor Soloist	<i>Bernstein's Chichester Psalms</i>	Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra	2022
Recitalist	Junior Recital	Millikin University	2021
Tenor Soloist	Orchestra Advent	Central Christian Church	2021
Soloist	<i>Millikin Vespers</i>	Millikin University Choirs	2021
Tenor Soloist	<i>Silent no more</i>	Fort Dodge Choral Society	2021
Don Ottavio	<i>Mozart & Da Ponte Scenes</i>	Millikin Opera Scenes Program	2021
Ferrando	<i>Mozart & Da Ponte Scenes</i>	Millikin Opera Scenes Program	2020
Tenor Soloist	Advent Services	First Baptist Church	2019
Soloist	<i>Millikin Vespers</i>	Millikin University Choirs	2019
Henrik	<i>Stephen Sondheim Cabaret</i>	Millikin Cabaret Series	2019
Soloist	<i>Moonlight Concert</i>	Alton Vocal Conservatory	2017-2019

Choral Performance Experience

Chorister	Mozart's <i>Requiem</i>	Fort Wayne Philharmonic	2024
Singer	Five-Cities Baroque Festival	Millikin Camerata Ensemble	2023
Director	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Millikin Camerata Ensemble	2023
Director	<i>Sounds of the Sacred Harp</i>	Millikin Camerata Ensemble	2023
Singer	David Lang's <i>Little Match Girl Passion</i>	Millikin University Choir	2023
Soloist	Celtic Salute	Millikin University Choirs	2023
Director	<i>Prayers for Light</i>	Millikin Camerata Ensemble	2023
Singer	Millikin Vespers: <i>Into the Morning</i>	Millikin University Choirs	2022
Tenor Chorister	Evensong residency	St. Albans Cathedral, England	2022
Soloist	Celtic Salute	Millikin University Choirs	2022
Soloist/Guitar	Celtic Salute(Virtual)	Millikin University Choirs	2021
Soloist	Mothers and Mentors(Virtual)	Millikin University Choirs	2021

Conducting Experience:

Assistant Conductor	<i>Albert Herring</i>	Chicago Summer Opera	2024
Founding Director	<i>Summer Choral Festival</i>	Riverbend Youth Chorale	2024-Present
Assistant Conductor	<i>Suor Angelica</i>	Ball State Opera Theatre	2024
	<i>Il Campanello di Notte</i>		
Assistant Choral Director	Chancel Choir	High Street United Methodist	2023-Present
Graduate Conductor	Chamber Choir	Ball State University	2024-Present
	Concert Choir		
	Cardinal Chorus		
Founding Director	Millikin Camerata Ensemble	Millikin University	2023

Music Ensemble Membership:

Founding President & Director	Millikin Camerata Ensemble*	2022-2023
Tenor 1	Millikin University Choir*	2020-2023
President/Tenor 1	Millikin True Blue Chorale*	2019-2023
Tenor 1	Illinois All-State Honors Choir	2019
Tenor 1	Illinois All-State Choir	2018
Guitar	Alton Jazz Band	2015-2019

Music Award History

1st Runner Up	Millikin Hollis Prize Competition	2023
Honors Performer	Phi Kappa Lambda Honors Recital	2023
2nd Place Winner	Central Region NATS Competition; Musical Theatre	2022
3rd Place Winner	Central Region NATS Competition; Classical	2022
Semi-Finalist	Central Region NATS Competition; Musical Theatre	2021
Best Supporting Actor	Arts for Life, St. Louis (<i>Guys and Dolls</i>)	2019
Finalist	Schmidt Vocal Competition	2019
2nd place	Millikin Vocal Festival	2018
Finalist	Schmidt Vocal Competition	2018
3rd place	Millikin Vocal Festival	2019
Outstanding Musicianship	Essentially Ellington Festival (Jazz band, Guitar)	2018

Production Directors:

Jessica Burton, The Barber of Seville (2024)

Josh Shaw, La Rondine (2023)

Ben Robinson, The Pirates of Penzance (2024)

Jon Truitt, Il Barbiere di Siviglia (2021), Falstaff (2022), Don Pasquale (2023), The Tender Land (2023),

Il Campanello di Notte (2024)

Mark Freiman, Carmen (2024)

Marc Schapman, Goldilocks and the Three Singing Bears (2022), The Billy Goats Gruff (2023)

Ian Greenlaw, The Pirates of Penzance (2020), Dido and Aeneas (2021), The Heart is a Lonely Hunter (2021), Così fan Tutte (2022), Gianni Schicchi (2023)

Performance Conductors:

Andy Anderson, Stephen Hargreaves, Scott Schoonover, Ben Hawkinson,

Andrew Constantine, Dennis Gotkowski, Nate Wideliz, Edward Benyas, William McClain, Greg Robbins

Educational Experience:

Educational Institutions & Degrees:

In Progress: Masters of Music in Choral Conducting, Masters of Music in Voice Performance, Ball State University

Completed: Bachelors of Music Voice Performance & Minor in Ethics, Millikin University

High School Diploma, Alton High School

Courses Taken:

Music Courses:

Music Theory: I, II, III, IV, and Form & Analysis (Millikin University)

Ear Training: I, II, III, and IV (Millikin University)

Musicology: Survey of Western Music I & II, (Millikin University)

World Music: Intro to Ethnomusicology (Millikin University)

Class Piano: I, II, III, and IV (Millikin University)

Composition: I (Millikin University)

Foreign Language Diction: I and II I (Millikin University)

Survey of Solo Song Literature: (Millikin University)

Building a Private Voice Studio: (Millikin University)

Conducting: (Millikin University)

Vocal Performance Seminar: (Millikin University)

Vocal Pedagogy: (Millikin University)

Vocal Pedagogy Practicum: (Millikin University)

Graduate History Review: (Ball State University)

Graduate Theory Review: (Ball State University)

Analytical Technique, Advanced 20th-century, (Ball State University)

Ethics Minor Courses:

Environmental Ethics: (Millikin University)

BioEthics: (Millikin University)

Ethical Theory and Moral Issues: (Millikin University)

The Ethics of Art and Christianity: (Millikin University)

Ethics of War and Peace: (Millikin University)

Philosophy of Law: (Millikin University)

Supplemental Courses:

French: I (Millikin University)

Business & Professional Conversations: (Millikin University)

Finished Undergraduate Studies with 137 earned credits
with cumulative 3.79 GPA

Scholarship and Awards:

Academic/University Awards

Full Master's Graduate Assistantship, *Ball State University*

8x Dean's List Student

Dr. Maria Klott Award: Achievement in theatre and music

Delta Sigma Phi Alumni Award

Dean's Scholarship for Music

Addie Mueller Scholarship

Dick Hoffland Choral Scholarship

External:

McKee Scholarship, *Delta Sigma Phi*

The Roy O. & Rachel H. Schilling Scholarship, *Central Christian Church*

Don & Bonnie Sauer Peace & Justice Scholarship, *Central Christian Church*

College Scholarship, *Mike Logan Ministries*

Academic Instructors::

Dr. Murray Steib

Dr. Leanne Wood

Dr. Amy Fuller

Professor Cynthia Oeck

Professor Kevin Jones

Dr. Katherine Leo

Dr. Jeremy Brunk

Dr. Silvan Negruțiu

Dr. Murray Steib

Dr. Brett Clement

Music History

Music History

Masterclass & Courses

Courses

Masterclass & Courses

Musicology

Music Theory

Class Piano

Music History

Music Theory

Ball State University

Ball State University

Millikin University

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Leadership Roles

School of Music Marketing Fellowship
 Risk Management Officer, Interfraternity Council (2021-2022)
 Graduate Advisor, Voce per Tutti (2023-present)
 Vice-President, *Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity* (2021-2022)
 Sergeant-at-arms, *Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity* (2021-2022)
 Academic Coordinator, *Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity* (2020-2023)
 Marketing for *Millikin Opera Theatre* (2020-2022)
 President of *Millikin 'True Blue Chorale'* (2019-2020)

Groups and Community involvement
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity (2020-Present)
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (2023-Present)
 Student NATS Organization Member
Millikin Opera Per tutti

Instructors:

Private Voice Teachers

Current: Dr. Kevin Gwinn
 Previous: Dr. Troy Castle
 Dr. Ian Greenlaw
 Eddie Hitchcock

Ball State University	2023-Present
Millikin University	2022-2023
Millikin University	2019-2022
Alton Conservatory	2015-2019

Choral Conducting Mentors:

Dr. Brad Holmes
 Dr. Ben Hawkinson
 Dr. Nate Widelitz
 Dr. William McClain
 Dr. Andrew Crow
 Dr. Kerry Glann

Millikin University	2019-2022
Millikin University	2022-2023
Millikin University	2023
Millikin University	2023-2024
Ball State University	2023-Present
Ball State University	2023-Present

Private Guitar instructors:

Rick Haydon
 Alex Fiello
 Nick Lampman

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	2018
Mojo's Music	2018
Swing City Music	2014-2018

Ensemble Directors:

Dr. Ben Hawkinson
 Dr. Andrew Crow
 Professor Nate Widelitz
 Dr. Brad Holmes
 Professor Beth Holmes
 Mike Engelhart
 Dr. Kimberly Dunn Adams
 Professor Lee Nelson

Millikin University	2022-2023
Ball State University	2024-Present
Millikin University	2023
Millikin University	2019-2022
Millikin University	2019-2022
Millikin University	2022
All-State Honors Choir	2019
All-State Choir	2018

Other Experience:

Jobs and Leadership:

- High Street United Methodist Church (2023-Present), **Assistant Choral Director**
 - Conducted and lead worship as needed
 - Schedule and work to offer Choral Scholar special music regularly
 - Assist Music Director to create an impactful and excellent music environment
- Main Street United Methodist Church (2024 Summer), **Interim Director of Worship**
 - Led and Selected worship for weekly message
 - Helped in running rehearsal and prepared band for weekly worship
 - Worked with head pastor in preparing repertoire and music for weekly church services
- Millikin School of Music (2022-2023), **Marketing Student Intern**
 - Help in compiling materials and information for School of Music Social Media
 - Effectively communicate between multiple schools and organizations
 - Well experienced in *Loomly* and Graphic Creation
- Kirkland Fine Arts Center (2021-2022) **Box office representative**
 - Execution and processing of hundreds of ticket sales for events
 - Public relations through customer mediation and
 - Effectively handling situations through the satisfaction of employer and customer satisfaction

Central Christian Church (2020-2023) **Choral intern**

- Leads tenor section in choir to aid congregation members
- Singing and preparing special music on semi-frequent basis
- Works on conducting and leading rehearsals when music minister is absent
- Tenor soloist for services with orchestra or large works
- Asbury Village (2020-2022) **Transportation & COVID-19 Security**
 - Transported and scheduled the medical appointments & runs for dozens of residents
 - Helped in COVID pandemic to limit the transmission through resident and visitor interaction
 - Was on hand to help any department at location, maintenance, marketing, etc.
- Faith Fellowship Church (2016-2019) **Youth Worship Leader**
 - Led and Selected worship for weekly message
 - Helped in running rehearsal and prepared band for weekly worship
- **Freelance musician:** (2020-Present): First Baptist Church, First Congregational Church, The Bridge Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Hope Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church

Teaching Experience:

- Riverbend Youth Chorale (2023-Present), **Founding Artistic Director**

- Works with local districts and schools to offer an engaging choral intensive for local students.
- Collaborates with local artists to bring unique and special programming to the greater Riverbend area.
- Strives to allow students of all literacy and background participate, adamant on scholarship and income-based tuition aid.
- Ball State School of Music (2023-Present), **Graduate Assistant, Voice & Opera**
 - Serve as opera stage and production manager to fully produce productions
 - Teaches 7 students with a 90% audition/performance based goal satisfaction
 - Assists Voice Area and Opera to create an organized and efficient program
- Millikin Community Arts Academy (Summer 2023) **Camp Director**
 - Musical Theatre Senior Camp:
 - Led workshops and intensives on audition and professional world preparation
 - Offered voice coaching, monologue work, and dance help to all 22 students
 - Musical Theatre Junior Camp
 - Directed & Cast *Lion King Kids*
 - Worked with 20 local kids ages 6-11 to produce the 45-minute production in five days
 - Pre-K Music Appreciation Camp
 - Learned how to make music with new people
 - Made a new instrument everyday of camp, culminating in a finale concert
- Millikin Community Arts Academy (2022- 2023) **Student Faculty & Instructor**
 - Educates members of the Decatur community, ages 5-72 in piano, voice, guitar, and music theory
 - Concisely and accurately schedules 12+ students into a well-planned weekly schedule
 - Balances the expectation and happiness of myself and the student to work towards proficient music-making
- Vocal Pedagogy Practicum (2023), **Student Instructor**
 - Educating students in Millikin's Class Voice course, taught a baritone, mezzo, and soprano in Musical Theatre, Italian art song, and English Art Song

Leadership Roles

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Tech Theatre Experience:

Carpenter

Carmen

Union Avenue Opera

July 2024

Technical Director Stage Manager	<i>Suor Angelica/il Campanello</i>	Ball State University	April 2024
Scenic Designer Technical Director Stage Manager	<i>The Tender Land</i>	Ball State University	November 2023
Assistant Stage Manager	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>	Union Avenue Opera	July 2023

References

- Dr. Jon Truitt (Associate Director of Ball State University of Music)
 Dr. Brian Justison (Director of Millikin School of Music)
 Dr. Ben Hawkinson (Director of Choral Activities, Millikin University)

**All contact information for references available upon request*