

Tom Torrento

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Objective

Highly effective teaching professional with proven extensive knowledge in instrumental music. Knowledgeable, energetic, creative, and resourceful teacher with experience in developing students' interest and appreciation for self-growth and development while using music as a vehicle for transformation. Seeking a passionate team of educators.

Education and Certification

Oakland University, Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education – August, 2017 (Degree in Progress)
Rochester, MI

- Awarded assistantship through School of Music, Theatre and Dance.
- Current GPA - 4.0

Sam Houston State University, Master of Arts / Band Conducting – August, 2015
Ashland, Oregon

- American Band College Program
- Collaborated with world renowned composers, clinicians, and educators.
- Graduated with a 3.8 GPA

Eastern Michigan University, Bachelor of Music Education - April, 2012
Ypsilanti, MI

- Michigan Department of Education Secondary Provisional Certificate
- Music Education (K-12) - Code JQ
- Graduated with University Honors – Cum Laude

Honors

- Selected as the 2018 Michigan Region 9 Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Department of Education.
- Selected as the 2018 Michigan Schools Band & Orchestra Association District XVI Teacher of the Year.
- Awarded the honor of being SBO Magazine's - 50 Directors Who Make a Difference Michigan Recipient. (2017)
- Presenter for the Michigan Music Conference - *Grant Writing for the Title 1 Music Program*.
 - *Consulted on multiple grants for other schools across the state as a result of this clinic.*
- Awarded the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Grant 3 times - \$223,765 (2014, 2015, & 2017)
- Guest speaker for Oakland University's School of Music Instrumental Methods Classes.
 - *Marching Band Teaching Strategies for the Non-Competitive Program* (November, 2017)
 - *The Things I Thought I Knew Before I started Teaching* (November, 2017)
- Presenter for EMU Music Education Series - *Creative Ways to Fund Your Music Program* (2017)
- Awarded the Educator Advantage Scholarship through MSGCU to complete Master's Degree - \$2,500 (2015)
- Guest speaker for MSGCU Innovative Teacher assembly & Scholarship Awards Reception (2015)
- Appointed as the Secretary/Technology Chair for MSBOA – District XVI Executive Board (2014 – present)
- Multiple students selected to participate and perform in the DSO Youth Civic Honors Band each year.
- Multiple students selected to participate and perform in the MSBOA – XVI Youth Honors Band each year
- Nominated for GRAMMY Foundation Music Educator of the Year for five years (2012 – 2017)
- Awarded MSGCU's Classroom Cash Grant in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, & 2017(\$750/year)
- Co-Chair of MSBOA District XVI Middle School Honors Band (2017 & 2018)
- Personally responsible for over \$250,000 in grant writing/awards for school program.

Teaching Experience

Van Dyke Public Schools
September 2012 – Current

Warren Lincoln High School - Van Dyke Public Schools; Warren, MI

Director of Instrumental Music - Concert Bands & Marching Band

- Prepare and rehearse both concert and marching bands for performances
- Create marching band show concepts and drill design
- Led Symphonic Winds Concert Band to a 1st Division rating at both MSBOA District & State Band Festival
 - First Superior rating for LHS in nearly 30 years.
- Commissioned *Frogs*, by Randall Standridge to be premiered at LHS/LMS Concert, Spring 2018

Warren Lincoln Middle School - Van Dyke Public Schools; Warren, MI

Director of Instrumental Music

- Program size increased 260% since my arrival in 2012 - projected 160 student musicians for Fall 2018
- Raised performance level from a 3rd & 4th division program to a 1st division program in less than five years
- Applied for and received over \$200,000 in grant money to date
- Created a curricular Jazz Band – *The Lincoln Middle School Jazz Ambassadors*
- Presented a concert season containing as many as 7 performances for select groups
- Commissioned *From Washington to Springfield*, by Brian McCloskey for LMS 8th Grade Band (2016)
- Commissioned *Darkland Legends*, by Randall Standridge for LMS 8th Grade Band (2017)
- Band program featured on local and national news through Music Rising and Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation grant

Performance/Directing Experience

Genesis the Church; Royal Oak, MI (2017 - present)

Director of Music Worship & IT

- Responsible for auditioning and placing new worship leaders.
- Responsible for programming of worship song selection.
- Lead music rehearsals three-four times per month.
- Consultant for other worship directors to assist with arranging music for their instrumentation.
- Responsible for deployment of new technology into the church.
- Consultant for church as technical support.

Trumpet, Grosse Pointe Theatre Company; Grosse Pointe, MI

- *Fiddler on the Roof (2016)*
- *Hello Dolly (2016)*
- *Spamalot! (2015)*
- *White Christmas (December, 2013 & December, 2015)*

Trumpet, Stagecrafters Theatre; Royal Oak, MI

- *My Fair Lady (March, 2014)*

Percussion / Trumpet, Ferndale Community Band; Ferndale, MI

- Concert Season of 5-7 Performances Annually.

Poor Boy Music; Warren, MI - September, 1997 - August, 2007

Trumpet / Backing Vocals

- International Touring Rock Band
- Co-Founded group in high school
- Season 1 Semi-Finalist on America's Got Talent
- Performed over 160 shows per year
- Represented Michigan at *South By Southwest Music Festival* in Austin, TX (2003)
- Represented Michigan/USA at the *In The City Music Festival* in Manchester, UK (2004)
- *One Sip at a Time* (2006) CD Released Nationally through Red Eye Distribution

Collegiate Music Career

Equipment Manager, Eastern Michigan University Bands; Ypsilanti, MI — August, 2009-May, 2010

- Selected as part of leadership team for University Band Program
- Worked directly with Director of Bands leading all aspects of music program
- Created and maintained a full-scale practice football field for Marching Band
- Led set-up and tear-down teams for all concert band ensemble rehearsals and performances
- Communicated with EMU Event Planning to advance halls for performances
- Responsible for maintaining high functioning inventory systems for the Instrumental Music Department

Wind Symphony, Eastern Michigan University Bands; Ypsilanti, MI – August, 2008-May, 2010

- Trumpet – Primary Instrument
- 2010 EMU Wind Symphony Tour
 - Promoted EMU Bands and performed for various Metro-Detroit High Schools

Sales, Service, and Leadership Experience

Apple, Inc; Novi, MI - December, 2009 - August, 2015

Family Room Specialist — July, 2014 – August, 2015

- Presented multiple educational seminars to the tech team on multitasking in the work place
- Responsible for repairing relationships with customers at the Genius Bar
- Responsible for employee development through in-moment training and development.
- Professional product knowledge resource to the entire store team
- Lead store in most appointments per hour with highest customer satisfaction rate

Business Specialist — June, 2011 – July, 2014

- Qualify business introductions and engage in dialogue with potential business customers
- Develop both new and existing business relationships through a balanced sales and service model
- Utilized as a trainer with new hires as well as a mentor for existing staff
- Maintain the business team CRM database to help facilitate business opportunities and relationships
- Educate store team members by sharing Retail Business priorities, strategies, and progress

Expert, Apple — December, 2009 - June, 2011

- Produced results in the top 2% of the market every quarter
- Responsible for employee development through in-moment training and development
- Professional product knowledge resource to the entire store team
- Sales leader responsible for rolling out company strategies and initiatives