

# Jin Byun

## DMA

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## Education

### University of Connecticut

Doctor of Musical Arts - Choral Conducting  
Minor: Music Theory

**Dissertation: A study of Korean diction for English-Speaking Choral Conductors**  
Jan. 2020 - May 2023, Storrs, Connecticut

### The Catholic University of America

Doctor of Musical Arts - Orchestral Conducting  
Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2019, Washington, District of Columbia

### Queens College (City University of New York)

Master of Music - Conducting  
Sep. 2016 - May 2018, Queens, New York

### Indiana University

Master of Music - Voice (Opera)  
Sep. 2004 - May 2005, Bloomington, Indiana

### Indiana University

Performer Diploma - Voice (Opera)  
Sep. 2002 - May 2004, Bloomington, Indiana

### Seoul National University

Bachelor of Music - Voice  
Feb. 1994 - Dec. 1998, Seoul, South Korea

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## Work Experience

### Union College at Schenectady / Director of Music Performance

Sep. 2023 - Present, Schenectady, New York

### National Association of Teachers of Singing/President of South Korea Chapter

June 2023 - May 2022

### Oratorio Society of Queens / Artistic Director and Conductor

July 2023 - Present, Queens, New York

### Kean University (New Jersey State University) /Adjunct Professor

Sep. 2007 - Present, Union, New Jersey

### King's Youth Choir / Artistic Director, Conductor

Jan. 2019 - Present, Palisades Park, New Jersey

### Fieldstone Choral Society / Artistic Director and Conductor

Sep. 2022 - June 2023, Manhattan, New York

### Oratorio Society of Queens / Assistant Conductor

Jan. 2022 - June 2023, Queens, New York

**Lehman College (City University of New York) / Adjunct Professor**

Sep. 2012 - May 2017, New York, New York

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## Courses Taught

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Private Voice Lesson for Undergraduate Students  
Private Voice Lesson for Graduate Students  
German Diction  
Italian Diction  
French Diction  
Opera Workshop  
Basic Conducting  
Intimate Conducting  
Harmony I  
Choral Literature  
Song Literature

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## Academic Accomplishments

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**Publication**  
**Korean Diction for English-Speaking Singers**, Jungang Art, August 2024

**Conferences**  
**Presenter on Korean Diction for English-Speaking Singers** in the NATS International Division Conference, March 2024  
**Co-researcher on Arirang: Essence of the Korean Spirit** in the NATS International Division Conference, February 2023

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## Recording

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**Kantorei / Coordinator**  
**Libera me (World Premier):** Choral Music by Dr. Hyun Kook, March 2023  
**Missa Brevis:** Choral Music by Dr. Hyun Kook, March 2023

**NAXOS / Assistant Conductor**  
**Songs of Peace and Praise:** Choral Music from Queens College, Queens College Choir, Queens College Vocal Ensemble, and New York Virtuoso Singers; James John, Bright Sheng, Harold Rosenbaum, conductors, and Jinhwan Byun, assistant conductor Naxos CD 8.559819, December 2017.

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## Conducting Experience

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**UCONN Concert Choir / Assistant Conductor**  
Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2022, Storrs, Connecticut

**CUA Symphony Orchestra / Assistant Conductor**  
Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2019, Washington, District of Columbia

**Gwangju Metropolitan Choir / Guest Conductor**  
May 2019, Kwangju, South Korea

**Queens College Choral Society / Assistant Conductor**  
Sep. 2016 - May 2018, Queens, New York

**Queens College Vocal Ensemble / Assistant Conductor**  
Sep. 2016 - May 2018, Queens, New York

**Bergen Symphony Orchestra / Assistant Conductor**

May 2015 - May 2016, Fort Lee, New Jersey

**Christian Television Service (CTS)/ Artistic Director, Conductor**

Jan 2014 - May 2015, Ridgefield, New Jersey

CTS Mixed Choir  
CTS Youth Choir  
CTS Children's Choir

**Bergen Oratorio Society / Artistic Director, Conductor**

May 2013 - Jan. 2019, Palisades Park, New Jersey

Bergen Oratorio Society Choir  
Bergen Oratorio Society Orchestra

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**Professional  
Singing  
Experience**

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**Penhorwood: Too Many Sopranos / Enrico Caruso**

The Catholic University of America Symphony Orchestra  
Dec. 2019, Washington, District of Columbia

**Händel: Messiah / Tenor Soloist**

Chicago Civic Treble Choir  
Dec. 2018, Chicago, Illinois

**Verdi: Requiem / Tenor Soloist**

Queens College Choral Society  
April. 2016, Queens, New York

**Beethoven: Symphony No.9 / Tenor Soloist**

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra  
May 2015, Queens, New York

**Händel: Messiah / Tenor Soloist**

Philadelphia Master's Chorale  
Dec. 2014, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Mendelssohn: Elijah / Tenor Soloist**

Ulsan Metropolitan Choir  
March 2014, Ulsan, South Korea

**Annual Holiday Concert / Artist**

Korean Cultural Service New York  
Nov. 2013, Manhattan, New York

**Händel: Messiah / Tenor Soloist**

Ulsan Metropolitan Choir  
Dec. 2013, Ulsan, South Korea

**AWCA 32nd Concert with Youngok Shin / Tenor Soloist**

Bergen Performing Arts Center  
May 2012, Leonia, New Jersey

**Spring Gala Concert/ Artist**

New Rochelle Opera  
Feb. 2012, New Rochelle, New York

**Mendelssohn: Elijah / Tenor Soloist**

The National Chorus of Korea  
Nov. 2011, Seoul, South Korea

**Paul's Confession (World Premiere) / Paul**

Queens Presbyterian Society  
Oct. 2011, Queens, New York

**Verdi: Rigoletto / Duke**

Kean University  
March. 2011, Union, New Jersey

**Verdi: La Traviata / Alfredo**

Opera Fort Collins  
Nov. 2010, Fort Collins, Colorado

**Gifts from Grand Opera/ Artist**

Annapolis Opera  
May 2010, Annapolis, Maryland

**Verdi: La Traviata / Alfredo**

New Rochelle Opera  
Nov. 2009, New Rochelle, New York

**Spring Gala Concert / Artist**

New Rochelle Opera  
April. 2009, New Rochelle, New York

**Strauss: Salome / First Jew**

Toledo Opera  
Feb. 2009, Toledo, Ohio

**Korean Embassy Concert / Artist**

George Mason Center for the Arts  
Nov. 2008, Fairfax, Virginia

**Eight Hands Concert / Artist**

Skokie Performing Art Center  
May 2008, Skokie, Illinois

**Bizet: Carmen / Remendado**

Toledo Opera  
Nov. 2007, Toledo, Ohio

**Donizetti: L'elisir d'amore / Nemorino**

Florida Grand Opera (Showcase)  
May. 2006, Miami, Florida

**Weill: Street Scene / Lippo**

Florida Grand Opera (Showcase)  
May. 2006, Miami, Florida

**Verdi: Rigoletto/ Duke (cover)**

Florida Grand Opera  
Feb. - May. 2006, Miami, Florida

**Verdi: Rigoletto/ Borsa**

Florida Grand Opera  
Feb. - May. 2006, Miami, Florida

**Donizetti: La fille du régiment / Tonio (cover)**

Florida Grand Opera  
Jan. - March 2006, Miami, Florida

**Bizet: Carmen / Remendado**

Florida Grand Opera  
Nov. 2005. - Jan 2006, Miami, Florida

**Puccini: La fanciulla del West / Trin**

Florida Grand Opera  
Sep. - Nov. 2005, Miami, Florida

**Puccini: La bohème / Rodolfo**

Florida Grand Opera

June. - Sep. 2005, Miami, Florida

**Verdi: Don Carlo / Don Carlo**  
Florida Grand Opera (Showcase)  
Aug. 2005, Miami, Florida

**Bizet: Les pêcheurs de perles / Nadir**  
Florida Grand Opera (Showcase)  
Aug. 2005, Miami, Florida

**Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor / Arturo**  
Nashville Opera  
Oct. 2004, Nashville, Tennessee

**Puccini: La bohème / Rodolfo**  
Indiana University Opera  
May 2004, Bloomington, Indiana

**Verdi: Rigoletto/ Borsa**  
Indianapolis Opera  
March 2004, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Verdi: Falstaff / Fenton**  
Indiana University Opera  
Dec 2003, Bloomington, Indiana

**Massenet: Thaïs / Nicias (cover)**  
Opera Theatre of St. Louis  
June - July 2003, St. Louis, Missouri

**Verdi: La Traviata / Alfredo**  
Indiana University Opera  
April 2003, Bloomington, Indiana

**Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor / Arturo**  
Indiana University Opera  
Nov. 2002, Bloomington, Indiana

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**Membership  
in Professional  
Organizations**

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**American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)**  
**American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)**  
**National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)**

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**Workshop /  
Young Artist  
Program**

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**Queens College Conductors Workshop / Conducting Fellow**  
July 2018, Queens, New York

**Orchestral Conducting:**  
Maurice Peress, Don Protnoy, George Rothman, Tong Chen

**Florida Grand Opera/ Young Artist and Resident Artist**  
May 2005 - Dec. 2006, Miami, Florida

**Opera Theater of St. Louis / Young Artist**  
July 2003 and July 2004 - Dec. 2006, St. Louis, Missouri

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**Awards**

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**Opera Guild Competition / Winner**  
Dec. 2010, Clinton, Connecticut

**Connecticut**

**Marie E. Crump Vocal Arts Competition / 1st place**

May 2009, Washington, District of Columbia

**CS Vocal Competition / 1st place**

May 2008, New York, New York

Emerging Professional Division

**Connecticut Opera Guild Competition / 3rd place**

Dec. 2008, Clinton, Connecticut

**Bel Canto Foundation Competition / Winner**

Nov. 2005, Chicago, Illinois

**National Society of Arts and Letters Competition/ Grand Prix**

May 2005, Bloomington, Indiana

**The Metropolitan Opera National Council / Winner (Chicago)**

Nov. 2004, Chicago, Illinois

**Bel Canto Foundation Competition / Primavera Award**

Nov. 2004, Chicago, Illinois

**IU Music Merit Award / Recipient**

May 2002 - May. 2005, Bloomington, Indiana

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**Primary Teacher**

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**Choral Conducting**

Dr. Jamie Spillane - Professor at University of Connecticut

Dr. James John - Professor at Queens College

Dr. Ronnie Oliver - Professor at Manhattan School of Music

Dr. James Jordan - Professor at Westminster Choir College

Dr. Chun Koo - Artistic Director at the National Chorus of Korea

**Orchestral Conducting**

Maestro Maurice Peress - Former Professor at Queens College

Maestro Murry Sidlin - Professor at The Catholic University of America

Maestro Simeone Tartaglione - Professor at The Catholic University of America

**Voice of the Professional Opera Studies**

Doris Yarick-Cross - Former Professor at Yale University

Virginia Zeani - Former Professor at Indiana University

Dr. James McDonald - Former Professor at Indiana University

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**Work Samples**

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**Rehearsal Video**

<https://youtu.be/hDj1fAhxOK4>

**Performance Video**

Sunrise Mass: I. The Spheres by Ola Gjeilo/ UCONN Concert Choir

<https://youtu.be/by00oOxvE6s>

Oh, Korea!: II. Gon & III. Gam by Hyo Won Woo/ UCONN Concert Choir

<https://youtu.be/XvzXDjsyaRM>

**Five Hebrew Love Songs: II. Kalá Kallá** by Eric Whitacre/ Gwangju City Chorale  
<https://youtu.be/GpzH3rX0pmg>

**Ubi Caritas** by Ola Gjeilo / Gwangju City Chorale  
[https://youtu.be/-WFAtnC\\_ed8](https://youtu.be/-WFAtnC_ed8)

**Nearer, My God, to Thee** Arr. by Dan Forrest/ Gwangju City Chorale  
[https://youtu.be/nqqVziLOY\\_M](https://youtu.be/nqqVziLOY_M)

### **Opera Singing Video**

La Traviata Act 3 / New Rochelle Opera

<https://youtu.be/rf15lwNbC0Q>

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**References**

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**Available on request**