

# **Roberta (Robin) Jensen**

**Instructor**

## **Collaborative Pianist for the Vocal Arts**

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## **University/College Teaching Employment**

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2011-Present

- Instructor, 2015-Present
- Visiting Instructor, 2014-2015
- Adjunct Opera Workshop Music Director, 2011-2014
- Instructor and Coordinator of the Class Piano Department
- Instructor, Secondary Piano, Collaborative Piano
- Music Director, Opera Workshop
- Conductor, Opera Workshop
- Vocal Coach
- Collaborative Pianist for University Chorus, Women's Chorus and Chamber Choir

University of Central Florida and Opera Orlando Summer Opera Institute,  
Orlando, FL

2012-2019

- Co-Director and Founder of intensive summer 10 day opera program for high school and college singers

Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

2004-2012

- Adjunct Faculty
- Vocal Coach
- Collaborative Pianist, Opera Program and faculty recitals

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

2001-2004

- Vocal Coach
- Collaborative Pianist for applied voice and other instruments.
- Collaborative pianist for degree recitals

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2003-2004

- Adjunct Voice Instructor
- Music Director for Cornell Theater Department Production

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

2000-2001

- Vocal Coach
- Collaborative Pianist for Voice Department

San Francisco Conservatory of Music

San Francisco, CA

1982-1987

- Vocal Coach for upper division and graduate singers
- Collaborative Pianist for viola, cello, string bass, french horn and flute studios
- Vocal Coach/Collaborative Pianist for the opera workshop program and degree recitals

Drake University, Des Moines, IA

1980-1982

- Instructor of Piano for the Precollege Preparatory Program

## **University of Central Florida Music Department Committees**

Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Piano  
(Committee Secretary)

2021-2022

Adjudicator for University of Central Florida Music Department  
Preliminary Concerto Competition

2021

Socially Engaged Performing Arts Committee Member

2020-Present

Information and Technology Committee Member

2019-Present

Faculty Search Committee, Director of Choral Activities

2019-2020

Recruitment, Scholarship and Concerto Competition Committee  
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2014-2019

## **University of Central Florida Service**

Collaborative Pianist for all incoming voice students auditions

2014-Present

- Collaborative pianist for three days each Spring for potential music students

University of Central Florida Opera Board Directors

2012-Present

Lidia Bastianich Donor Event

2022

- Collaborative Pianist for program

University of Central Florida Life Program	2022
• Collaborative Pianist Presenter for Opera Program	
University of Central Florida Dean's Meeting	2021
• Collaborative Pianist for Dean's Program	
University of Central Florida Master of Music Recital Hearing	2020
• Michael Crisafi Senior Guitar Recital	
University of Central Florida Trumpet Faculty Search	2020
• Prepared and played half hour recital for three incoming candidates	
University of Central Florida Voice Faculty Search	2021
• Prepared and played half hour recital and then vocal workshop for incoming vocal instructor candidate	
School of Performing Arts Private Donor Event	2019
• Collaborative Pianist for Opera Program for School of Performing Arts new building initiative	
University of Central Florida Life Program	2019
• Presented program on the opera <i>The Tender Land</i>	
University of Central Florida Presidents Annual Speech	2019
• Music Director/Collaborative Pianist for Opera Scene presented at the annual Trustee meeting	
UCF High School Choir Invitational	2019
Rock Lake Middle School	2018
• Volunteer Music Director for after school program	
UCF High School Choir Invitational	2018
• Collaborative Pianist for workshop and performance	
University of Central Florida Life Program	2018
• Presented program on the operas <i>Gianni Schicchi</i> and <i>Buoso's Ghost</i>	
Rock Lake Middle School	2017
• Volunteer Music Director for after school program	
UCF High School Choir Invitational	2017
• Collaborative Pianist for workshop and performance	
Master of Arts Committee Independent Study, Julie Simmons	2017
Capstone Committee, Isaac Andrews	2017
Capstone Committee, Sarah Vogelsong	2017
One Voice Benefit Concert	2016
• Chorus Master and Volunteer Orchestra musician for benefit concert for the victims of Pulse	

University of Central Florida Master of Arts Committee	2016
• Julie Simmons Independent Project	
UCF High School Choir Invitational	2016
• Collaborative Pianist for Workshop and Performance	
University of Central Florida Life Program	2015
• Presented program on the opera <i>"Dido and Aeneas"</i>	
University of Central Florida Life Program	2012
• Presented Program about the opera <i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	

## University Of Central Florida Courses Taught

MVK 1111	Class Piano I
MVK 1112	Class Piano II
MVK 1211	Undergraduate Secondary Piano
MVK 2121	Class Piano III
MVK 2122	Class Piano IV
MVK 5250	Graduate Secondary Piano
MUO 3503L	Undergraduate Opera Workshop
MUO 5505L	Graduate Opera Workshop
MUN 3343L	Chamber Choir (collaborative pianist, music coach)
MUN3313	Undergraduate University Chorus (collaborative pianist, music coach)
MUN53585L	Graduate University Chorus (collaborative pianist, music coach)
MUN3323	Undergraduate Women's Chorus (collaborative pianist, music coach)
MUN5325	Graduate Women's Chorus (collaborative pianist, music coach)
Independent Studies	As needed per student's needs

## Professional Affiliations

National Opera Association	Member and Collaborative Pianist
National Opera Association	Young People's Opera Project Committee Member
Opera Orlando	Youth Company Director
Opera Orlando	Education Advisory Board

## Professional Presentations

National Opera Association	Dominic Argento Chamber Opera Competition Music Director and Collaborative Pianist	2022
(The University of Central Florida Opera Program was invited to perform one of the three finalists for the Chamber Opera competition.)		
National Opera Association	National Opera Scene Competition	2022

	Collaborative Pianist	
National Opera Association	Refreshing Your Aria Collaborative Pianist	2022
FMEA State Convention	Collaborative Pianist for State Treble Choir	2018

## Professional Development

Non Tenure Earning Promotion Workshop		2022
National Opera Association Convention		2022
Opera America National Convention		2022
Opera America Workshop on Strategic Planning		2022
University of Central Florida Elements Of Online Teaching Course		2020
Opera America Conference		2020
FMEA State Convention		2018
National Opera Association National Conference		2016

## Honors and Awards

Drake University Alumni Award for Professional Achievement		1997
Orlando Sentinel People to Watch in the Arts		1989

## Recent Collaborative Piano Recitals

Joanne Stephenson University of Central Florida Faculty Voice Recital		2021
Joanne Stephenson University of Central Florida Faculty Voice Recital		2018
Susan Neves, Opera Orlando Concert Series		2015
Samar Salome, Melbourne Institute of Technology Artist Series Recital		2015
Joanne Stephenson University of Central Florida Faculty Voice Recital		2015

Mules and Men, Rollins College Zora Neale Hurston Festival	2015
Morgan Davis, Rollins College Faculty Voice Recital	2014
Christina Barron, Rollins College Faculty Clarinet Recital	2014
24 Italian Art Songs, University of Central Florida Faculty Voice Recital	2014
Thomas Potter, University of Central Florida Faculty Voice Recital	2013

## Professional Employment

Camp Madhatter, Wadena, MN	1999-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artistic Director</li> <li>• Stage and Music Director</li> </ul>	
Opera Orlando, Orlando, FL	2011-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Youth Company, 2011-Present</li> <li>• Education Director, 2011-2020</li> <li>• Music Director, 2016-2020</li> </ul>	
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra ,Orlando, FL	2007-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocal Music Director</li> <li>• Chorus Master</li> <li>• Children's Chorus Master</li> </ul>	
MadCow Theatre, Orlando, FL	2004-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Director</li> </ul>	
Lost Nation Theatre, Montpelier, VT	2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama Instructor, Summer Program</li> </ul>	
New School Of Orlando, Orlando, FL	2004-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Director</li> <li>• Stage Director</li> <li>• Classroom Instructor</li> </ul>	

Operaworks, Los Angeles, CA 1992-1993

- Vocal Coach
- Collaborative Pianist

Orlando Opera Company, Orlando, FL 1988-1999

- Music Administrator
- Education Director
- Director, Resident Artist Program
- Director and Founder, Youth Company Program
- Conductor
- Assistant Conductor
- Stage Director
- Arranger, opera orchestra reductions
- Composer and writer, children's programs
- Founder, summer opera camp

Des Moines Metro Opera, Des Moines, IA 1986-1988

- Vocal coach, Apprentice Program
- Collaborative Pianist, Apprentice Program
- Stage Manager
- Music Director, OPERA Iowa
- Tour Manager, OPERA Iowa

Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN 1986-1988

- Assistant conductor, touring productions Midwest Opera
- Collaborative pianist, touring productions Midwest Opera

Minnesota Opera Institute, Minneapolis, MN 1986-1987

- Vocal Coach and Collaborative Pianist, new opera workshop

## Education

Drake University Des Moines, IA Master of Music 1981-1982  
Piano Performance

- Piano with Guy Wuellner

Drake University Des Moines IA Bachelor of Music 1976-1980  
Piano Performance and  
Pedagogy

- Piano with Guy Wuellner
- Organ with Carl Staplin

- Harpsichord with David Harris

## **Additional Education**

American Institute of Musical Studies, Graz, Austria 1987

- Emphasis on Collaborative Piano and Opera
- Studies in German and French
- Collaborative Pianist for scene program and opera tour
- Piano with Jan Meyerowitz
- French with Margarite Meyerowitz
- Vocal Pedagogy with Richard Owens

Wesley Balk Opera Institute University of Minnesota ,Minneapolis, MN 1986

- Emphasis on singer actor training in the Wesley Balk method
- Studies in acting, Alexander Technique and singing technique
- Music Director, collaborative pianist for new music opera workshop

San Francisco Conservatory of Music      San Francisco, CA      Master of Music      1984

- Emphasis on collaborative piano, art song and opera
- Studies in German, French and Italian Diction
- Piano with Nathan Schwartz
- Vocal Pedagogy with Elizabeth Parham
- Opera Conducting, Prompting, vocal coaching with Susan Webb
- Working knowledge and diction practices in Italian, French and German.



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## Production History

### Conductor/Music Director Opera

<i>Abduction from the Seraglio</i>	Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Albert Herring</i>	Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Amahl and the Night Visitors</i>	Conductor	
	Chorus Master	Opera Orlando
<i>Bastein and Bastienna</i>	Music Director	Orlando Opera
<i>Brundibar</i>	Music Director	Opera Orlando
<i>Captain Lovelock</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>Ceremony of Carols</i>	Music Director	Orlando Opera/Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Clemenza di Tito</i>	Conductor	University of Central Florida
<i>Così fan tutte</i>	Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Dido and Aeneas</i>	Conductor	University of Central Florida
<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
	Children's Chorus	Opera Orlando
<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Finta giardiniera</i>	Conductor	University of Central Florida
<i>Il Campanello</i>	Music Director	Des Moines Opera
<i>Italian Girl In Algiers</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>Gentlemen In Waiting</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Conductor	Opera Orlando
	Conductor	Opera Orlando
	Children's Chorus	Orlando Opera
<i>La Bohème</i>	Music Director	Orlando Opera
<i>La Fanciulla del West</i>	Music Director	Opera Orlando
<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>Noye's Fludde</i>	Conductor	Opera Orlando
<i>Speed Dating</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Conductor	Orlando Opera
	Children's Chorus	Opera Orlando

<i>The Tender Land</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>Three Penny Opera</i>	Conductor	Opera Orlando
<i>Trouble in Tahiti</i>	Conductor	Opera Orlando
Andre Bocelli Concert	Chorus Master	Orlando Philharmonic

## Conductor/Music Director Musical Theater

<i>A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>All Is Calm</i>	Opera Orlando
<i>Animal Crackers</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Archy and Mehitabel</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Assassins</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Carousel</i>	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Company</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Disenchanted</i>	Abbey Theater
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying</i>	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Jacque Brel is Alive and Well</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Les Miserables</i>	New School Preparatory
<i>My Fair Lady</i>	Orlando Preparatory
<i>Sunday in the Park With George</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Sweeney Todd</i>	MadCow Theatre
	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>The Cradle Will Rock</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	MadCow Theatre
	Opera Orlando
<i>The Light In The Piazza</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>The Music Man</i>	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>The Putnam County 25th Annual Spelling Bee</i>	MadCow Theatre
<i>Urinetown</i>	MadCow Theatre

## Assistant Conductor/Vocal Coach/Chorus Master/Rehearsal Pianist

(Note: As Assistant Conductor, I also played all of the rehearsals)

<i>Aida</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Barber Of Seville</i>	Assistant Conductor/Chorus Master	Orlando Opera
		Opera Orlando
<i>Carmina Burana</i>	Children's Chorus	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Candide</i>	Rehearsal Pianist	Orlando Opera
<i>Carmen</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
	Assistant Conductor	Minnesota Opera
	Children's Chorus	Orlando Philharmonic
	Children's Chorus	Opera Orlando
<i>Cenerentola</i>	Assistant Conductor/Chorus Master	

<i>Christopher Sly</i>	Recitative Accompanist Assistant Conductor	Opera Orlando San Francisco Conservatory of Music
<i>Daughter Of The Regiment</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Children's Chorus	Opera Orlando
<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Assistant Conductor/Chorus Master	Orlando Opera Opera Orlando
<i>Elixir Of Love</i>	Assistant Conductor/Chorus Master	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Faust</i>	Recitative Accompanist	University of Central Florida
<i>Fliegender Holländer</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>La Traviata</i>	Rehearsal Pianist	San Jose Opera
<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Il Trovatore</i>	Assistant Conductor/Pianist	Minnesota Opera
<i>La Boheme</i>	Children's Chorus	Orlando Opera
<i>L'Italiana in Algiers</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Madame Butterfly</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Mahler Symphony #3</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Merry Widow</i>	Children's Chorus	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Otello</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Pique Dame</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Rigoletto</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Pagliacci</i>	Chorus Master/Rehearsal Pianist	Opera Orlando
<i>Pulcinella</i>	Rehearsal Pianist	Opera Orlando
<i>Porgy And Bess</i>	Chorus Master/Rehearsal Pianist	Orlando Philharmonic
<i>Samson and Delilah</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>The Tender Land</i>	Music Director	University of Central Florida
<i>The Mikado</i>	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Opera
<i>Tosca</i>	Assistant Conductor	
	Children's Chorus Master	Orlando Opera
	Assistant Conductor	Orlando Philharmonic
	Children's Chorus Master	
<i>Turandot</i>	Rehearsal Pianist	Des Moines Metro Opera

## Stage Director

<i>Americana</i> (Original Work/Orlando Fringe Festival)	Orlando Fringe Festival
<i>Comedy of Errors</i>	New School of Orlando
<i>Les Miserable</i>	New School of Orlando
<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	New School of Orlando
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	New School of Orlando
<i>The Mystical Magical Musical Tour</i> (Original Work)	Orlando Opera
<i>NightClub Cantata</i>	Florida Civic Theater
<i>The Fabulous Sixties</i> (Original Work)	New School of Orlando
<i>The Sound Of Music</i>	Madhatter's Community Theater
<i>The Taming Of The Shrew</i>	New School of Orlando

## **Orchestra Arrangements/Reductions Opera**

*Abduction from the Seraglio*  
*Così fan tutte*  
*Don Pasquale*  
*Hansel and Gretel*  
*Three Penny Opera*  
*Trouble in Tahiti*

## **Orchestra Arrangements/Reductions Musical Theater**

*Sweeney Todd*  
*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*  
*Animal Crackers*  
*Assassins*  
*Company*  
*Les Misérables*  
*Sunday In The Park With George*

## **Original Children's Theater Works**

*Americana*  
*Build An Opera*  
*The Fabulous Sixties*  
*The Harlem Renaissance*  
*The Mystical Magical Musical Tour*

## **Publications**

Contributing Writer  
Contributing Writer

Teaching Interdisciplinary Arts  
Opera For Youth Journal

Harvard University