

Are you interested in studying voice privately

Whether you are an advanced voice student or a young singer just discovering your voice, private voice instruction is the best way to improve your singing. Would you like to gain confidence and poise? How about strengthening your voice and increasing your musicianship? Would you like to prepare for solo and ensemble contest or for All State Choir auditions. Maybe you are looking for some additional help in preparing for show choir or chamber choir auditions or you want to sing a solo in choir or church. If the answer is yes to any of these questions, private voice lessons are for you.

Tuition: Each teacher will set his or her fee per lesson. Each lesson will last 30 minutes and I anticipate fees to be around \$21.00-\$25.00 per half hour lesson. I have found that these rates are very competitive and much lower than in other parts of the metro. Payment should be made out to Waconia Community Education and turned in to your voice instructor. Payments should be made in full at the beginning of each Session.

How to Register: Contact the teacher that you are interested in studying with by email. (They are all listed on the following pages.) The voice instructors should get in touch with you in a few days to schedule your lesson if they have availability.

When: Lessons will be offered during the school day and after school. We will do everything that we can to schedule your lesson time during your choir time if possible. Lessons will also be offered after school for students who wish to take them at that time. Summer lessons are also a great option for those that are interested. Check with instructors for availability.

Meet the Voice Faculty



KYM Chambers Otto – Freelance Vocal Instructor/Performer TO CONTACT KYM: kymchambersotto@gmail.com

My name is Kym Chambers Otto. I recently moved to Minneapolis after working as a singer/dancer/actor in New York for almost a decade. Minneapolis is now home, and I am happy to be starting my 5th year of teaching voice lessons in the Fall to students attending Waconia High School.

Some past shows include: Ordway Center: *Cinderella*, *Contemporary Songbook Series*, *Joseph...* (Wailing Woman). National Tours: *Cats* (Jellylorum), *Wizard of Oz* (Wicked Witch u/s), *Cinderella* (The Queen). Theater: Theater Under the Stars: *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, Kansas City Starlight: *Anything Goes*, Kansas City Rep: *Cabaret*, Bushnell CPA: *50th Anniversary Concert of The Music Man* starring Shirley Jones, North Shore Music Theater: *Camelot*, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre: *Oklahoma*, *42nd St.*, *Joseph...*, Old Log: *Elves and the Shoemaker*, Forestburgh Playhouse: *Evita*, *The Music Man*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Titanic*.

My training includes a Masters in Vocal Performance from New York University and a BA in Speech/Theater Secondary Education from St. Olaf College. I have sung with The St. Olaf Choir, Vocaessence and I currently sing with an all female group “Chick Cheer” and The Tim Houlihan Band. This Fall I will be doing a production of “Baby Case” about the Lindbergh Baby at the History Theater in St. Paul.

Lessons will include warm-ups, vocal technique, sight-reading, ear training, and Vocal Rep that will prepare students for ALL aspects in combination with the Waconia High School Music Department. (Some examples will be Honor Choir/Solo & Ensemble Competition/Auditions for elite choirs and show choir, etc.) My studio will also do two Recitals during the school year.



Chad Shultis – Freelance Vocal Instructor/Performer To Contact Chad: www.shultis.musicteachershelper.com

Chad Shultis has been teaching private voice for 14 years after earning his degree in Music Education from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. He has an active studio at Chanhassen HS where he also directs an all-male ensemble called Men Who Sing. Additionally, Chad teaches in Edina and at his home in Chaska where he lives with his wife, Angela who is a Waconia grad. They recently had a son named Crosby.

Chad is a contracted singer with the Minnesota Chorale. His solo work includes Mozart’s Requiem, performances with the Minnesota Orchestra conducted by Doc Severinsen, and as the baritone soloist in the premiere of Ah Nagasaki: Ashes into Light, which featured nearly 300 American and Japanese performers.

Chad has sung under the direction of Dale Warland in the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Chorale and in the Minnesota Beethoven Festival Chorale for the past four years. A highlight in Chad’s career was singing with Helmut Rilling and his Internationale Bachakademie, Festival Ensemble Stuttgart.



Chris Starr – Retired Choral Director - Howard Lake
To Contact Chris: castarr814@yahoo.com

Chris Starr is a graduate of Bemidji State University with a major in Vocal Music Education and Piano performance. She taught Elementary music for 7 years and then transitioned to teaching 6-12 choirs for 34 years, all in the Howard Lake – Waverly – Winsted School District. The HLWW concert choir received Superior Ratings all 34 years under her direction. Her choirs have performed at MENC, MMEA, and ACDA conventions. In 1997 she was honored to receive the MMEA Music Educator of the year award. That same year HLWW Music Department was chosen as the Outstanding Small School music Program by MMEA. Chris is active as a contest judge, guest conductor for choral festivals and also as an accompanist for the All-State Women's Choir. She plays for church services in Norwood and Glencoe and also Directs the Children's Choir at her church in Norwood.



Kari Werdahl – Elementary Music Specialist, Bayview Elem
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Kari Werdahl has been helping our young musicians in Waconia to learn to love singing for “a number of years”. She is a leader in both the American Choral Directors Association as well as the Music Educators National Conference. Kari enjoys working with young and emerging singers helping them to truly find their voice. She specializes in building confidence and strength as a singer and musician. Kari is looking for eager singers willing to grow and work at improving.



Scott Brose – Freelance Voice Coach – Co-Owner Waconia Music Studios, LLC.
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Scott Brose is the co-owner of Waconia Music Studios. He has given individual music lessons in voice, piano, and guitar for the past ten years for students of all ages and skill levels. He taught at Clearwater Middle School for nine years where he taught vocal and general music to 5th-8th grade students. He also directed the 7th-8th grade show choir as well as the middle school show band. Scott Brose earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and his Masters of Education from St. Mary's University of Minnesota.