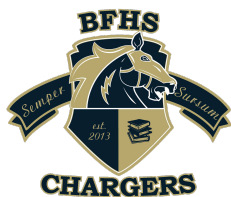


MEET YOUR TEACHER

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Educational Background

- University of Utah; BA Music Education
- University of Utah: MM / Conducting

Favorite Quote

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away”. - Pablo Picasso

Welcome!

I am thrilled to be the Director of Orchestras for BFHS! In addition to teaching the incredible musicians at BFHS, I also serve as Artistic Director & Conductor of the East Valley Youth Symphony & the Women's Orchestra of Arizona; Oregon Arts Orchestra; Guest Conductor, Sapporo Philharmonic Orchestra; Conductor Emeritus of the Jewish Community Orchestra & the Portland Ensign Choir and Orchestra (OR). As a professional violinist, I am privileged to perform with the Newport Symphony, Musica Nova Orchestra and Chandler Symphony Orchestra. Previously I have served as music director and conductor with the Oregon Pro Arte Chamber and Youth Orchestra; Portland Youth Philharmonic, Granite, Lincoln and Jordan Youth Symphonies. I also love traveling to perform and have 10 years experience producing concerts and festivals worldwide for Music Celebrations International including festivals in Italy, Austria, France, Ireland, England, Spain, Portugal, the Czech Republic, China, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. I also have 3 children and 5 grandchildren who ALL play string instruments!

Educational Philosophy

I LOVE teaching and playing music! I firmly believe music is essential to a well-rounded education and complements every aspect of life. It is cognitive, physical, expressive, goal oriented, aesthetic, exciting, and rewarding. It is work and recreation at the same time requiring focus and the highest level of commitment and dedication to excellence. Music is an aural sport, a lifelong skill which ensures the human element of life!

BFHS History and Purpose

Though I am just entering my 2nd year at BFHS, I have nearly 40 years experience teaching music and as you may have guessed, music is not only my profession, but also my passion!

What I'm Looking Forward to...

I am very excited to return to a full agenda of rehearsals, concerts, activities, musicals, festivals and travel with our AMAZING BFHS ORCHESTRA Musicians