

Catherine Chambers, 2011

Music and Voice Teacher / Performer

Rowan University 2016

BA in Vocal Music Education & BA in Subject Matter Teaching

Messiah University 2023

MM in Choral Conducting

“Overbrook’s teachers inspired me to hone a craft that I wasn’t even sure I had. I had support and many opportunities that helped me get to where I am today.”

At Overbrook High School from 2007-2011, I was heavily involved with theatre and music. Art McKenzie was the choir teacher at the time and our program was competitive and active. I had no experience with singing or performing prior to joining the program therefore; I was nervous about stepping into such a developed program but I was excited for what it could bring to me. At the beginning of my freshmen year, Art McKenzie asked me to audition for All-South Jersey Choir and the rest became history. I went on over the next four years to perform with All-South Jersey Choir, All-State Choir, All-Eastern Choir and National Choir. I performed in musicals and in concerts frequently with Overbrook High School and it sparked my love for choral music and has directly influenced my life into what I do now. I am thankful for Art McKenzie and Overbrook High School everyday.

I have since received a BA in Vocal Music Education from Rowan University in 2016. In my time at Rowan I was able to travel with the touring choir. We traveled and performed in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Germany and Austria. At Rowan I was a founding member of Voces as well as a founding singer of the Rowan Pep Band. After undergrad I went straight into the teaching field. I cherished my career so much that I decided to continue and in 2023 I received my Masters in Choral Conducting from Messiah University. I am currently a choir teacher at Cherry Hill High School West. I am also an active member of the National Association for Music Education as well as the American Choral Directors Association.

I am fortunate enough to be an active performer in the area at various churches and local stages. Some of my local acting credits include Diana in Next to Normal at Brick Door Productions, Ensemble in Ragtime and Cinderella’s Stepmother in Into the Woods at the Broadway Theatre of Pitman. I have also music directed at the Broadway Theatre of Pitman. I am a local voice teacher that aids students in their vocal journey.

I never thought my life would be sustained through music but Overbrook High School provided me with the foundation to build a musical life around. I am forever grateful for the opportunities that I was given in high school and they truly shaped me and allowed me to have a life that I very much enjoy that is rich with music.

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