

Resumé - Ted L. Avara

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QUALIFICATIONS and HONORS

Graduate Work, 1992: VanderCook College of Music	4.00 GPA
Bachelor of Education, 1985: Delta State University	3.70 GPA
Associate of Arts, 1982: Hinds Junior College	3.79 GPA

Additional studies at Mid-America Nazarene University, Baker University, Ottawa University Suzuki Institute (David Barg), University of Southern Mississippi (Dr. Charles Nail), and the University of Missouri at Kansas City (Robert Gillespie).

20 years experience teaching band and orchestra students
Passed National Teacher Examination, 1980
Lifetime Texas Teacher Certificate, 1992

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, 1981
Outstanding Young Men of America, 1988
Who's Who among America's Teachers, 2006
Certificate of Merit, Kansas Chapter - American Strings Teacher Association, 2007
*Director of Olathe North Theatre Orchestra for **Once On This Island**, winner of Outstanding Orchestra at Starlight Theatre Blue Star Awards, 2008*

Present and Past Memberships include:

Kansas Music Educators Association, American String Teachers Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Percussive Arts Society, Music Educators National Conference, Kappa Delta Pi

My STUDENTS and former students have been selected for:

Superior Ratings, Olathe District Schools Solo/Ensemble Contest
KMEA All-Region Elementary and Junior High Orchestras
KMEA All-Region Junior High Band
KMEA All-State Orchestra
Superior Ratings, Texas State Solo/Ensemble Contest
Outstanding Performer, Texas State Solo/Ensemble Contest
TMEA All-Region Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra
TMEA All-Area Concert Band and Orchestra
ATSSB All-State Concert Band
Texas Junior College All-State Band

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE includes:

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Neosho County Community College - Chanute, Kansas 2012 - present

- ◆ Part-Time Adjunct Instructor teaching multiple sections of Music Appreciation to college students in an online format.

Various Public Schools - Greater Kansas City, Missouri area 2009 - 2011, 2012 - 2014

- ◆ Substitute Teacher for Orchestra, Band, Vocal, and Electronic music classes for students in grades four through twelve.
- ◆ Significant substitute employment with Lee's Summit (Missouri) School District, Gardner-Edgerton (Kansas) School District, and Blue Valley (Kansas) School District.

Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools - Kansas City, Kansas 2011 - 2012

- ◆ Director of Orchestra and Band at Northwest Middle School, an urban school serving over 500 sixth, seventh, and eight grade students.
- ◆ Students present campus concerts, participate in district festivals, and all-region orchestras and bands sponsored by Kansas Music Educators Association.

Olathe District Schools - Olathe, Kansas 1999-2009

- ◆ Elementary Instrumental Music Specialist in suburban district serving 26,391 students (*see www.olathe.k12.ks.us for more information*).
- ◆ Teach band and orchestra to fifth and sixth grade students at various elementary schools.
- ◆ Direct Theatre Orchestra for musical productions at Olathe North High School including *Once Upon A Mattress, Beauty And The Beast, and Once On This Island*.
- ◆ Assist with Junior High and High School events, guest conductor for Olathe North High School Band, guest performer for Olathe North High School Orchestra.
- ◆ Co-Founder and Facilitator of Olathe North High School's *Wire Choir Weekend* workshop for second-year orchestra students.
- ◆ Students participate in local musical events, such as concerts, tours, competitions, parades, musicals, and workshops.
- ◆ Helped implement CHARMS inventory control system by coordinating creation of a district-wide musical instrument inventory database.

Various Public Schools - State of Texas 1991-1997

- ◆ Director of Instrumental Music at Palestine HS, Cushing HS, and Huntington HS.
- ◆ Supervised Assistant Directors.
- ◆ Taught Junior High/High School Band and Orchestra students.
- ◆ Superior Ratings, University Interscholastic League Concert Contest.
- ◆ Superior Ratings, University Interscholastic League Sightreading Contest.
- ◆ First Place, University Interscholastic League Area Marching Contest.
- ◆ Sixth Place, University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest.
- ◆ Superior Rating, Invitational Marching Festivals.
- ◆ Team Taught Electronic Music, MIDI Technology.

Trinity Valley Community College - Athens, Texas 1992-1993 (*part-time adjunct*)

- ◆ Taught applied percussion, coordinated student performances.
- ◆ Directed percussion ensembles, performed on faculty recitals.
- ◆ Organized workshop for area percussion students.

OTHER EXPERIENCE includes:

Temporary clerical work, including extensive work with computers
Audition Chair and Program Editor - Kansas Music Educators Association region events
Accomplished composer and arranger with works published and used extensively by peers
Music instrument repair
Private and group instruction
Former Member - Kansas City Wind Symphony
Former Member and Board of Directors - Overland Park (KS) Civic Band
Orchestra Clinician - 2006, 2008, and 2009 Kansas ASTA *String Romp*
Adjudicator - Kansas 4-H county and regional music events

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST