

# Caroline M. Biggs

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Caroline is a dual-track professional educator/performer with proven success in Music & Special Education and professional vocal performance. She is recognized for passionate leadership, a profound desire to make a difference and a keen ability to connect to others. Combines artistic knowledge and sensitivity with attention to detail and a deep focus on teamwork, flexibility, and enthusiasm. Core strengths include:

- Singing/Vocal Instruction
- Motivation/Encouragement
- Leadership/Organization
- Varied Teaching Strategies
- Excellent communication skills
- Multi-Disciplinary Instruction

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2012- 2014

Special Education Teacher K-8

Hospitalized and Homebound Program

- Provided educational services to students medically confined to home or hospital Demonstrating flexibility and initiative, sound decision-making and collaborating with peers and members of the medical community.
- Provided caring and differentiated instruction assisting students in the collaborative model, grades K-6, accommodating varied exceptionalities to ensure maximum academic and social growth.

Miami Choral Academy, Seraphic Fire 2012- 2013

Miami, FL

Elementary Music Teacher

Point Isabel/Los Fresnos Independent School Districts 2011-2012

Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Music Teacher K-5

Substitute Teacher Alternative Education program K-12

Anne Arundel County Public Schools 2009-2011

Annapolis, Maryland

Music Teacher K-12

- Developed a stimulating choral program, retaining 100% student enrollment through enthusiasm, high expectations, brisk pacing, and humor.
- Produced and directed four annual musical presentations and led advanced choral students to district vocal competitions.
- Communicated and implemented strategies for meeting the needs of special and “at risk” students.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools 1992-2009

Miami, Florida

Music Teacher 2-6

English Tutor/Adult Education ESOL Program

- Monitored and managed a balanced, comprehensive sequential music program.
- Formed and directed 60-member chorus presenting two annual holiday concerts/ musicals and multi-cultural showcase.
- Magnet Drama/Dance Instructor for summer sessions at R.R. Moton Expressive Center for the Arts.
- Selected by Principal to serve as cultural arts team chair, acting as liaison between administration and department.
- Enabled adult learners to acquire English-language proficiency through integrating life-skills content with language functions and relevant grammar.

## EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Bachelor of Arts - Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida  
 Post-graduate course work (32 credits) - University of South Florida, Miami-Dade College, Florida International University, University of Miami  
 Study abroad program - The Arts in Holland and Austria

### Certifications:

Florida Professional Educator's Certificate in Music and Exceptional Student Education (K-12)  
 Maryland Standard Professional Educator Certificate in Music (K-12)  
 Texas Educator Certificate in Music and Special Education (EC-12)  
 Texas State Certified Nurse Aide (NA8816049) - 2011  
 CPR/BLS Certified - 2011

## SPECIAL SKILLS

### Languages:

Written and Oral Spanish

### Recordings:

Mahler's 8<sup>th</sup> Symphony - Conducted by Robert Shaw, TELARC Productions, Atlanta, GA.  
 Classic Wedding Songs promotional CD - Blackstar Studios, Miami, FL.  
 Bless Ye The Lord, O My Soul - Blackstar Studios, Miami, FL.

### Performance:

1999 Pontifical Mass of Beatification celebrated by Pope John Paul II, Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.  
 Member of Tampa Bay and South Florida Master Chorales performing numerous major choral works and 2 sold-out live performances of Mahler's 8<sup>th</sup> Symphony, Atlanta, GA.  
 Opera Chorus member for sold out performance of Puccini's La Boheme for inauguration of Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center under direction of Dame Beverly Sills.  
 Soprano - selections from Lakme, "The Bell Song" and "The Flower Duet" - Hispanic Lyric Opera.  
 Soprano - Handel's Messiah - St. Mary's Cathedral Fine Arts Series, Miami, FL.  
 "Lucy" - Menotti's The Telephone - Eckerd College.

### Organizations:

Master Chorale of South Florida, member - 2008-09  
 Tampa Bay Master Chorale, member - 1990-92  
 Archdiocese of Miami, Cantor workshops facilitator - 2002-04