

David Cowen, M.W.S.

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EDUCATION

Master of Worship Studies (M.W.S.)

Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Orange Park, FL

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Bachelor of Music Performance Heidelberg University, Tiffin, OH

1985

- Cum Laude, Tau Mu Sigma, Tower Laureate

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE (1995-PRESENT)

Minister of Music & Worship Arts JupiterFIRST Church, Jupiter, FL

- Locally ordained since 2005
- Responsible for the overall worship experience.
- Able to lead worship from the piano, with a full band, orchestra, choir and praise team, or solo with a microphone, as well as delivering the sermon or message.
- Coordinates weekly with the ministerial staff to discuss scriptural references, sermon topics, and collaborates on ideas for weekly music and worship needs, as well as plans special projects and events.
- Composes arrangements of weekly music for thirty-person adult choir including, but not limited to, a four-piece band (piano, bass, drums and guitar) with monthly additions of a three-piece horn section (trumpet, saxophone, trombone) and string section (violin, viola, cello). Manages and rehearses choir and band weekly. Coordinates staff to assist and direct all aspects of worship.
- Composes orchestral arrangements for special events such as Christmas Eve, Easter Morning and concerts throughout the year. Rehearses and conducts all musicians and singers, and composes music/lyrics for special projects when commissioned.
- Directs all aspects of stage production including casting, character development, staging, movement and dance and possesses a complete knowledge of all technical aspects of a performance including soundboard, lighting and visual media.
- Leads Worship for Vacation Bible School
- Performs at Weddings and Funerals
- Administrative activities include managing calendar and email, organizing and recording past and future musical selections and arrangements, booking orchestral arrangements and other talent, maintaining musical licenses and organizing rehearsal selections and supporting material.

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (1985-1995)

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- Purple Medallion Award Ceremony, performed for Nelson Mandela, F.W. de Klerk, and President Bill Clinton with the Philadelphia Orchestra
- President George H. W. Bush's Inaugural Ball

STUDIO & STAGE PRODUCTION

- Co-owner of Theatrix, a studio and stage production company. Theatrix received the Addy Award for Best Video. Productions include:
 - BEETLEJUICE'S GRAVE YARD REVIEW at Universal Studios Florida
 - FORT LIBERTY Show Attraction
 - THE MARTIGRAS Show Attraction
 - WILD BILL'S Show Attraction
- Collaboration and participation in other productions:

- ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Live) - Orlando, FL
- A CHORUS LINE - Orlando, FL
- GODSPELL - St Petersburg, FL
- GODSPELL - Orlando, FL
- SHENANDOAH - Adrian, MI
- GYPSY - Adrian, MI
- SOUND OF MUSIC - Adrian, MI
- VISION - TV Documentary
- PAUL HOWARDS - Album
- THERE IS A SEASON - Album
- MAKE SWEET MELODY - Album
- SING MANY SONGS - Album

OPENING PERFORMANCE

- Enjoyed the opportunity to perform as an opening act for celebrity sensations including:
 - The Beach Boys, Bob Hope, Lee Greenwood, Maureen McGovern, The Temptations, The Coasters, The Diamonds, and The Jets

CONVENTIONS AND INDUSTRIALS

- Commissioned to perform for notable Fortune 500, non-profit organizations and private businesses including:
 - AT&T, American Cancer Society, Arnold Palmer (Private Party), Associated General Contractors, Business Corp., Cadillac, Century 21 Realtors, Channel 9 Television (Orlando), Cigna Life Insurance Company, Edsel Ford II (Private Party), Florida Bar Association, Ford Motor Company, GTE, Kirschman Corporation, Little Caesars Pizza, MCI, Meeting Planners International, Mills Purina, National Safety Associates, Walt Disney World Investigators
- Dean Witter: The Chairmen's Club, London, Monaco, and San Juan
- Dean Witter: The President's Club, Los Angeles and Palm Springs

MUSICAL PROFICIENCIES

- Piano - all styles and abilities including:
 - Classical, Jazz, Rock, Gospel, Pop, Country, Musical Theater, and Cocktail Piano
 - Able to read lead sheets, traditional notation, as well as improvise and play by ear
- Vocals - Tenor, all styles and abilities, all Romance Languages, and Hebrew
- Guitar - rhythm
- Keyboards - all things MIDI
- Familiar with all instruments' fingerings and ranges for orchestrating and arranging
- Composition - all styles both tonal and atonal
- Able to direct, communicate, and work with people of all abilities: from the formally trained orchestra musician, to the informally trained Rock/Pop artist, as well as the volunteer choir member and children of all ages.
- Hardware and software currently in use:
 - Finale - music notation software
 - Logic Pro X - music recording software
 - Waves - audio processing and production
 - Final Cut - video editing software (I have a working knowledge)
 - Soundcraft k2 audio console
 - ETC Expression 3400 lighting console controlling:
 - Cyberlight Turbo Automated Luminaries
 - Chauve Moving Lights
 - Fixed theatrical lighting color scrollers

PUBLISHED WORK

- Arise (CD)** 2011
- Contemporary, rock, gospel, and folk music featuring David Cowen and recording artists Camie Buell and Michelle Rose Kelly.
 - Produced, arranged, performed, and engineered by David Cowen
- “Welcome to This House” (song)** in *Sing! Prayer and Praise (Hymnal)*. Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press 2009
- A collection of contemporary songs for praise and worship from the United Church of Christ
- A Space for the Spirit (CD)** 2007
- A blend of popular and traditional music for worship featuring the JupiterFIRST Singers (volunteer choir)
 - Produced, arranged, performed, and engineered by David Cowen except where noted
- Still Waters (CD)** 2000
- Solo piano performed by David Cowen featuring musical selections by Chopin, Debussy, and Beethoven, as well as contemporary artists Michael Nyman, Michael Gore, and Prince
- YMI? (CD)** 1999
- Original music composed, arranged, performed, and engineered by David Cowen
- Arrangements of Hymns** written by Martha McMane in *The New Century Hymnal*. Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press.
- a comprehensive hymnal and worship book published for the United Church of Christ 1995

PERSONAL

- Happily married to Francie since 2001 with three children, Haley, Marin, and Levi
- Composed a One Act Opera for my wife’s and my wedding ceremony
- Enjoys running, swimming, Qigong, family, friends, and good conversation