

Sacred Music Florida 2023 Workshop Schedule

The Performing Mindset with Allison DeMarco

10:00-10:50am I-2 In this class we will be discussing your mindset, your motivation, observation and priorities as it relates to your practice sessions and your musical goals. Do you perform the way you practice? We will also address performance anxiety from a Biblical standpoint. Your mind is often a battlefield when you practice and playing well depends upon having a mind that is clear and focused on the goal before you.

Join me as we discuss together the purpose and mindset of the successful musician.

Chorus Rehearsal with Dr. John Sinclair

11:00-12:00 H-1 What a fantastic opportunity we have to be led by this veteran choral conductor from Rollins College and the Disney Epcot Candlelight Processional. All contestant, families others are encouraged to participate. You **MUST** attend both rehearsals in order to sing with the chorus at the awards ceremony. If your competition audition time is during the rehearsal, you may come and go as needed.

The College Audition Process with Dr. John Sinclair

1:00-1:45pm I-2 Getting accepted into a school of music is a different process than with other academic areas of study. Learn how to navigate the audition process from veteran of 40+ years as a college music professor and department chair.

Creative Practice with Allison DeMarco

1:05-1:50pm H-2 Your music lesson is probably only one hour per week; therefore, most of your growth and learning is going to take place during your practice time. So, what do you do? How do you best prepare for your lesson each week and for recitals and auditions? How do you move past notes and rhythm to begin creating artistry? Join me as we discuss numerous options for taking your playing and practicing to the next level. This class will benefit any age and level and will be tailored to those that attend.

The Power of Possibility: Musical Insight: Lessons for Life

2:00-2:50pm I-3 - Masterclass

Have you ever wondered how far you could elevate your musicianship given the right opportunity? This masterclass is designed to demonstrate just how skills, training and musical experiences can join forces to produce the power of musical possibility. Dr. Mason will be working with individual students to infuse energy, understanding and communication into the performance of music written for their chosen instrument. This class is helpful for contestants of any level/age.

Music Games with Romeo DeMarco

2:00-2:45 I-4 Join us for some fun and prizes with music games. Cake Walk, Music Bingo and more! Hands on fun for contestants of any age!

Chorus Rehearsal with Dr. John Sinclair

3:00-4:00 H-1

All contestants, families, and guests invited to sing! Please attend both rehearsals in order to participate at the awards ceremony. If your competition audition time is during the rehearsal, you may come and go as needed.

Awards Ceremony 4:30-5:30 I-1 and I-2 Awards/Results

Speaker Bios:



Dr. John Sinclair Dr. Sinclair is the John M. Tiedtke Professor of Music at Rollins College. He teaches conducting, a variety of other classes as needed and serves as the primary conductor for the Department of Music. He is also celebrating his 25th season [2014-15] as Artistic Director and Conductor of the renowned Bach Festival Society of Winter Park. He also currently conducts the International Moravian Music Festivals, the Messiah Choral Society (Winter Park), and has conducted for the Berkshire Choral Festival and numerous others.

Dr. Sinclair earned his undergraduate degree from William Jewell College and his master's and doctoral degrees from the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. During the past twenty years, he has made over one thousand appearances as conductor, clinician, or lecturer throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

Dr. Sinclair is also a conductor of the Candlelight Processional at EPCOT and has conducted recordings for Warner Brothers, Walt Disney Corporation, the Moravian Music Foundation, and the Bach Festival Society.

A master teacher, Dr. Sinclair has received many awards while at Rollins College, including the Hugh F. McKean Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, and the Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship. For two consecutive years he was named "Outstanding Music Educator of the Year" by United Arts of Central Florida, and *Florida International Magazine* selected him as one of its "Power Players in the Arts." Last year his Alma Mater, William Jewell College, honored him with their prestigious Citation for Achievement.



Dr. Gordon Mason Dr. Gordon Mason is the founder of Masters As Mentors, a community of performers and teachers dedicated to motivating and inspiring artists to be the best that they can be. Mason earned the DMA in instrumental conducting at the University of South Carolina and has also studied at the Conductor's Institute of South Carolina, Westminster Choir College and the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop at Furman University. He is a retired music professor and is currently an adjunct professor with Reformation Bible College and St. Andrews Music Conservatory in Sanford, FL. His high school choirs placed first in the

South Carolina Music Educators Choral Competition for two consecutive years and he has been sought after as an adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor. He has performed with professional symphony orchestras throughout his career and has recently founded the Maitland Symphony Brass Quintet. Dr. Mason celebrates the connections that music brings to all people and energizes those who are willing to "take an imaginative leap into the creative, God-given gift of music making". He also founded a family with a wife and three children...all lovers of music!



Allison DeMarco is the founder and Artistic Director of the Sacred Music Florida Competition. For most of her life, she has been an orchestral flutist playing not only with orchestras, but also opera and ballet companies as well. For 12 years she was the Director of Handbell and Children's choirs at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church where she worked for Dr. D. James Kennedy. Most recently, Allison has performed along with her daughter at The Church of St. Agnes, Tenth Church NYC, and 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church all in New York, NY. She homeschooled both of her children. Her daughter Cecily DeMarco who is is graduating from The

Juilliard School this May and her son, Anton, graduates this year at FPEA and will begin flight school in July.