

Lauren Jewell is a compassionate educator, vocalist, and conductor who strives to show others the joy of music. By exposing people to new ideas, cultures, and disciplines of music, she synthesizes multiple styles to create a unique choral experience. Lauren is an active practitioner of varied repertoire: including classical, contemporary, jazz and musical theater.

Lauren currently works as the chorus director and musical theater teacher at Freedom Middle School, using her skills to educate sixth through eighth grade students in contemporary and classical styles of music making. In the 2020 season, Lauren worked as an assistant director for the IU Children's Choir: programming, conducting, and teaching repertoire for the second and third grade ensemble. Additionally, she served as a student teacher and substitute at Eastern Greene Public School in 2021, and St. Charles Borromeo in 2019. During the summer Lauren has worked on staff at the Michigan State University Community Music School, teaching music, movement, and acting at their annual musical theater camp. While there, she was selected as a New Leaders Intern in 2018, administrating the five camps offered during the summer. Since 2017, Lauren has operated a teaching studio, providing private voice, piano, and conducting lessons.

Lauren currently performs with Orlando Sings, a semi-professional chorus committed to exposing classical music to the Orlando community. From 2019 to 2021, Lauren was employed by Trinity Episcopal Church as a choral scholar, providing solo and sectional leadership during worship. In 2020, Lauren performed on the soundtrack for the video game *The Shadows that Linger*, produced by Red Ink Games. Lauren's diverse performance experiences include the NOTUS chamber ensemble, the Singing Hoosiers, and the opera chorus for Bernstein's *Mass*.

In addition to being an active educator and performer, Lauren is an avid conductor. During the summer of 2019, she conducted at the Cornish American Song Institute, working with professors at Oxford to study the British choral tradition. Through her own initiative, Lauren organized and conducted a choral recital in January 2020 highlighting the works of contemporary female composers. Lauren served as a board member and Vice President of the IU chapter of the American Choral Director's Association and holds membership with the Florida Music Educators Association and the National Association for Music Education.

With her bachelor's degree in choral music education from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Lauren hopes to use her unique combination of interests to expose others to new and varied styles of music throughout her career, particularly the music of contemporary female composers.