

# Judith L. Bush

## Professional Summary

**Retired General Music Specialist with 33 years of experience and active in teacher training at all levels. Music Teacher Leader, Instructional Coach, Lincoln Public Schools, NE.**

## Experience

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| 2022-2023  | General Music Specialist, McPhee Elementary School, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln Nebraska. Chris Boden, Principal.  |
| 2020-2022. | Executive Director, Nebraska Music Education Association.  |
| 2020-2024  | Music Teacher Leader, Curriculum and Instruction, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln Nebraska, Lance Nielsen, Supervisor (2020-23), Amy Holloman, Supervisor (2023-)          |
| 2016-2020  | Choral and Elementary General Music Specialist, Wysong Elementary School, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, Nebraska. Randy Oltman, Principal.                              |
| 2004-2016  | Choral and Elementary General Music Specialist, Fredstrom Elementary School, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, Nebraska. Vicki Schulenberg, Principal                       |
| 2003-2004  | Choral Director, Lincoln Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School, Scott Ernstmeyer, Principal, and Messiah Lutheran Elementary School, Stan Fehlhauser, Principal.                    |
| 2002-2003  | Kindergarten Creative Arts Specialist, Maxey Elementary, Lincoln Public Schools, Pat Decker, Principal. (Part time position)   |
| 2002-2003  | Choir Director, Randolph Elementary, Lincoln Public Schools, Wendy Bonaiuto, Principal (Part time)   |
| 2000-2002  | Choral and General Music Specialist, District OR-1, Palmyra-Bennet, Nebraska, Steve Robb, Principal, Bennet Elementary and David Bottrell, Principal, Palmyra High School. |
| 1994-2000  | General Music Specialist, St. Columban School, Loveland, Ohio. Sr. Mary Suzanne, Principal.  |
| 1993-1995  | Music Specialist, St. John the Evangelist School, Cincinnati, Ohio. Adele Iwanusa, Principal.  |
| 1993-1994  | Music Specialist, Gressle School (now Holy Trinity), Norwood, Ohio. Mary Stratford, Principal.   |

1991-1993      Substitute Teacher/Long-term substitute, Loveland City Schools,  
Loveland, OH.

### **Education**

BME, Northern Kentucky University, 1991. Emphasis in vocal/choral music education.  
Additional graduate work from the following institutions:  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio  
University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

### **Awards Received**

Fall 2023	Nebraska Music Education Association Hall of Fame
Fall 2023	Proclamation by Lincoln Public Schools, Distinguished Service
Fall 2022	Bryan R. Johnson Distinguished Service Award, NMEA
Fall 2016	Bryan R. Johnson Distinguished Service Award, NMEA
Spring 2007	Gold Star Award, Lincoln Public Schools
Spring 2004	Superior Rating, District Contest, Lincoln Lutheran HS Choir
Summer, 2005	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska
November 2003	Performed at the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference with the Lincoln Lutheran Touring Choir
Summer 2002	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska
Spring 2002	Excellent Rating, District and Regional Contests, Palmyra High School Choir.
Spring 2000	Superior Rating, Music in the Parks Festival, St. Columban Girl's Choir.
January 1999	Performed at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio
1998-1999	Excellent Ratings, Music in the Parks Festival, St. Columban School
April 1995	Performed for the Opening Session of the National Catholic Educators Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
1994-1995	Superior Ratings, College of Mt. St. Joseph Choir Festival, St. John's Girls Choir
1994-2000	Superior Ratings, College of Mt. St. Joseph Choir Festival, St. Columban Girls Choir.

### **Other**

Feb 2025	Presented a session at Ohio MEA conference
Nov 2024	Presented a session at Nebraska MEA Conference
Nov 2023	Presented with Rich Tengowski, NMEA, NAFME Small Schools Initiative
Sept 2023	Presented to Grand Island Public Schools GM Teachers
Sept 2023	Presented to C-NAFME, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
April 2023	Presented two sessions at the NAFME Eastern Division Conference
March 2023-Present	Member of the NAFME Small Schools Initiative Task Force

January 2023	Presented four sessions at the Indiana Music Educator's Association Conference.
November 2022	Chaired PreK-12 NAFME Conference
November 2022	Presented two sessions at Nebraska Music Educators Conference
June 2022-Present	NAfME General Music Council, Member at Large
November 2021	Presented a session at the NAFME National Program Leaders Conference
June 2021-2023	Tri-Chair of the NAFME Professional Development Committee
January 2020	Presented to the Michigan Music Education Association Board at MMEA Conference Presented to the Ohio Music Education Association Board at OMEA Conference
November 2019	Presented session at the Nebraska Music Education Association Conference
October 2019	Presented sessions at the South Dakota Music Education Association Conference
March 2019	Presented sessions at the North Dakota Music Education Association conference
February 2019	Undergrad guest lecturer, Doane College
February 2019	Presented sessions at the Minnesota Music Education Association conference
January 2019	Presented sessions at the Indiana Music Education Association Conference.
November 2018	Presented sessions at the Iowa Music Education Association Conference.
November 2018	Presented leadership session for Tri-M at the Nebraska Music Education Association
October 2018	Presented sessions at the Wisconsin Music Educators Association Conference.
June 2018	Co-presented "Finding and Nurturing Leaders" at National Assembly, NAFME with Scott Sheehan.
June, 2018	Co-presented NMEA Leadership Summit at University of Nebraska-Kearney with Dr. Lance Nielsen

February 2018	Undergrad guest lecturer, Doane College
Nov. 2017	Presented two sessions at NMEA Conference. Advocacy and Relationships in Music
October 2017	Presented a session at Midwest Kodaly Conference on Advocacy
April 2017	Undergrad guest lecturer, Doane College
Nov. 2016	Presented a session at NMEA Conference on getting students excited about opera.
October 2016	Sat on panel discussion for Metropolitan Opera's Educators Conference.
May 2016	Presented a flex session on Teaching Opera to Elementary Students for Lincoln Public Schools
May 2016	Presented a Learning Lunch session for LPS on Collaboration with the Metropolitan Opera's HD in Schools program.
April 2016	Presented a session with a team from Fredstrom at the ASCD International Conference in Atlanta, GA.
February 2016	Undergrad guest lecturer, Doane College
September 2015	Collaborated/presented with Dr. Carolyn Barber (UNL) to create a Higher Ed Summit to cover new music endorsements and state music standards with college/university department heads.
May 2015	Committee member to rewrite the Lincoln Public Schools music curriculum.
April 2015	Collaborated with Dr. Lance Nielsen to provide professional development for music teachers statewide on teacher evaluations, new standards and advocacy.
March 2015	Presentation at the ASCD International Conference for the Whole Child Network of schools.
2014-15	Member of Nebraska Board of Education ad hoc committee to rewrite music endorsements.
November 2014	Presented a session at the NMEA Inservice Conference to collegiate members.
June & Sept 2014	Served on a DOE Ad Hoc Committee to review music endorsements
March 2014-2020	Collaborating with New York Metropolitan Opera to provide opera

	experiences for students in Lincoln Public Schools.
March 2014	Collaborated with Dr. Lance Nielsen to provide professional development for music teachers statewide on teacher evaluations, new standards and advocacy.
March 2014	Presentation at the ASCD International Conference for the Whole Child Network of schools.
November 2013	Served on the LPS External Visit Team
February 2013	Presented a session for ESU 4 music cadre on state/national standards and teacher evaluations.
2012-2015	Worked with Dr. Ray Lowther to create professional development for Lincoln Public Schools music teachers.
2011-2016	Specialist Team Leader, Fredstrom Elementary.
June 2010	Trainer of Trainers, Lincoln Public Schools Appraisal Process
Nov. 2009	Presented a session at the Nebraska Music Educators Conference.
June, 2009	LPS Music Handbook Committee
2002-2009, 2013	Consultant to ESU 4, Nebraska City, NE. Provided sessions for music teacher inservices.
2008-2015	Created a lab class at Fredstrom Elementary for sophomore practicum students in collaboration with the UNL school of music now being used at numerous Lincoln Public Schools.
Nov. 2007	Presented at the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference, Tri-M Honor Society "Advocacy".
April 2007	Spoke before the Nebraska State Appropriations Committee on behalf of the Nebraska Music Educators Association.
Summer 2004/05	Large Ensemble Choral Director, Mid-America SuperCamp, Lincoln, NE
Feb. 2004	Presented session at ESU 4, Nebraska City, NE "Improvisation In General Music".
Fall, 2001	Successfully proposed, authored and received a grant from the Foundation for Knowledge, resulting in sound equipment for Dist. OR1 schools.
1991	Contributor, Music Education Standards for the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

## **Publications**

April 2024	NAfME, Teaching Music Magazine, "Everyday Advocacy".
Spring, 2025	Chapter contributor, " <i>The Music Teacher's Guide to General Music</i> ". Eclectic Styles in General Music (to be published 2025) With Angela Ammerman, Rob Lyda, Annamarie Bollino.
Summer 2023	Contributed an essay to the book " <i>Music Educators Wanted</i> " by Dr. Danni Gilbert, Glenn Korff School of Music.
March, 2020	Article for the Orff Echo "Becoming the Storyteller for Advocacy"
January 2019	SmartMusic Blog post: <a href="https://smartmusic.com/blog/from-methods-to-madness-ideas-for-a-sane-teaching-experience/">smartmusic.com/blog/from-methods-to-madness-ideas-for-a-sane-teaching-experience/</a>
2017-Present	Personal Blog "A Music Teacher's Mid-Life Musings"
2009-2014	Three articles republished by the National Federation of State High School Associations Music Association Journal.
2004-2015, 2018	Wrote quarterly articles for the Nebraska Music Educator Magazine

## **Certifications**

Nebraska Teaching Certificate

Orff Certification, Level 1, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music

## **Affiliations**

National Association for Music Education North Central Immediate Past President, 2020-2022

National Association for Music Education North Central Division President, 2018-2020

National Association for Music Education, North Central Division President Elect 2016-2018

National Association for Music Education, Member of the National Assembly 2012-Present

Nebraska Music Educators Association, Immediate Past President, 2014-2015

Nebraska Music Educators Association, President, 2011-2013

Nebraska Music Educators Association, President Elect, 2010-2011

Nebraska Music Educators Association, Public Relations Chair, 2004-2010.

Member, LEA and NEA. 2004 - 2020

Nebraskans for the Arts, Board of Directors, 2007-2010, 2024-present