

## DR. TOPHER RUGGIERO

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### **DA in Piano Performance/Music Theory: 2015**

Ball State University: Muncie, Indiana

Primary Teacher: Dr. Ray Kilburn

### **MM in Piano Performance: 2008**

Kent State University: Kent, Ohio

Primary Teacher: Dr. Jerry Wong

### **BM in Piano Performance: 2005**

Ithaca College: Ithaca, New York

Primary Teacher: Dr. Read Gainsford

### **University Work and Teaching Experience**

#### **Levine Music:** Piano Instructor: 2017-Present

- Current Associate Chair of Piano of the Virginia campus
- Piano Faculty for Private Lessons, Group Lessons, Master Classes, and Accompanist

#### **Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp:** Summer Festival Piano Instructor: 2016-Present

- Piano Faculty: private lessons, duet/trio coaching
- Group Piano Instructor
- Music Theory Instructor

#### **Charles J. Colgan Performing Arts High School:** Accompanist: 2017-2019

- Accompanist for all choirs

#### **Alderson Broaddus University:** Assistant Professor of Music: 2017

- Piano Professor: Applied Lessons, Piano Pedagogy, Group Piano
- Theory Professor: Written and Aural Skills
- Accompanist for students and choirs

#### **Taylor University:** Music Faculty: 2015-2016

- Piano Instructor: Applied Lessons for non-majors
- Music Theory Instructor: Form and Analysis
- Music History Instructor: History and Literature I
- Accompanist for music majors: lessons, rehearsals, performance classes
- Accompanist for Adoration Choir

#### **Anderson University:** Externship: 2012

- Group Piano Instructor
- Piano Tutor

#### **Ball State University:** Graduate Assistant: 2010-2013

- Class Piano Instructor for Music Majors, Levels I-IV
- Applied Lessons: Piano minors and piano primary majors
- Piano for the Conductor: Keyboard Musicianship for Graduate Students
- Accompanist: Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Ballet Classes, student lessons/juries/recitals

#### **Kent State University:** Graduate Assistant: 2006-2008

- Applied Lessons: piano minors
- Opera Rehearsal Pianist

### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorable Mention: Ball State Graduate Concerto Competition, 2013
- Recipient of Graduate Fellowship Award: Ball State University, 2010
- Inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda Kent State University Chapter, 2008
- Winner of the Kent State University Graduate Concerto Competition, 2007
- Second Place finish at the Kent State University Graduate Concerto Competition, 2006
- Soloist at the Ithaca College Honors Convocation, 2005
- Winner of the Mary Hays North Piano Competition at Ithaca College, 2005
- Recipient of the Ithaca College Premier Talent Scholarship, 2001-2005
- Winner of the New Jersey Music Teachers Association Piano Competition, 2001
- Winner of the Monmouth County Arts Foundation Piano Scholarship, 2001
- Recipient of the New Jersey Youth State Orchestra Music Scholarship, 2001
- Selected to perform in the Rising Stars Music Competition (NJ Division), 2001

### **International/National/Regional/State Conference Performances**

- CMS Northeast Conference: Millersville University: Millersville, PA. March 17, 2019
- Virginia Music Educators Association: Hot Springs, VA. November 16, 2018
- University of Wisconsin La Crosse New Music Festival: La Crosse, WI. November 2, 2017
- West Fork New Music Festival: Fairmont, WV. September 9, 2017
- International Trombone Festival: Redlands, CA. June 30, 2017
- Ball State University New Music Festival: Muncie, IN. (4 performances) March 17-19, 2017
- SCI Student National Conference: Muncie, IN. November 17, 2016
- Mid-North Regional Horn Workshop: Muncie, IN. October 30, 2016
- Indiana State Contemporary Music Festival: Terre Haute, IN. October 28, 2016
- International Horn Symposium: Ithaca, NY. June 16, 2016
- Ball State University New Music Festival: Muncie, IN. (3 performances) March 16-18, 2016
- SCI Region VI Conference: Wichita, KS. February 12, 2016
- Manchester University New Music Festival: North Manchester, IN. March 28, 2015
- Ball State University New Music Festival: Muncie, IN. (2 performances) March 12-14, 2015
- Society of Composers, Inc. National Conference: Muncie, IN (2 performances) March 21-22, 2014
- Midwest Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference: Normal, IL. May 18, 2013
- Northeast Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference: Ithaca, NY. April 20, 2013
- Indiana Music Educators Association Conference with Ball State University Chamber Choir: Fort Wayne, IN. January 19, 2013
- Electronic Music Midwest National Conference: Romeoville, IL. November 9, 2012
- 45<sup>th</sup> National Seminar: Intercollegiate Men's Choruses with Ball State University Men's Choir: Atlanta, GA. April 14, 2012

### **Recent Solo Performances**

- Fairmont State University, soloist and collaborator: Fairmont, WV. September 10, 2017
- Alderson Broaddus University Honors Convocation, soloist and collaborator: Philippi, WV. April 8, 2017
- Fairmont State University: Fairmont, WV. March 23, 2017
- Morrison Woods Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. March 9, 2017
- Westminster Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. March 8, 2017
- Guest Soloist at Alderson Broaddus University Annual Honors Recital: Philippi, WV. February 12, 2017
- Taylor University Faculty Recital, soloist and collaborator: Upland, IN. September 25, 2016
- Taylor University: Upland, IN. March 11, 2016
- Arkansas State University: Jonesboro, AR. March 2, 2016
- Loras College: Dubuque, IA. January 18, 2016
- Morrison Woods Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. January 11, 2016
- Westminster Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. January 5, 2016
- Taylor University Faculty Recital, soloist and collaborator: Upland, IN. September 27, 2015
- D.A. Solo Recital at Ball State University: Muncie, IN. October 2, 2014
- Westminster Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. September 30, 2014
- Morrison Woods Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. September 25, 2014
- High Street Methodist Church: Muncie, IN. September 16, 2014
- Crowne Pointe of Anderson Retirement Home: Anderson, IN. September 11, 2014
- First Baptist Church: Bluffton, IN. September 7, 2014
- Muncie Symphony Orchestra Benefit Dinner: Muncie, IN. November 15, 2013
- D.A. Solo Recital at Ball State University: Muncie, IN. December 6, 2012
- D.A. Solo Recital at Ball State University: Muncie, IN. October 24, 2011
- River Terrace Retirement Community: Bluffton, IN. October 21, 2011
- Private House Recital: Hudson, OH. October 17, 2011
- First Baptist Church: Bluffton, IN. October 14, 2011
- Westminster Retirement Village: Muncie, IN. October 10, 2011
- M.M. Solo Recital at Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 19, 2008
- Soloist with Kent State University Orchestra: Kent, OH. February 17, 2008
- M.M. Solo Recital at Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 28, 2007

### **Recent Collaborative Performances**

- Friday Morning Music Club with Robin Fay Massie, viola, Calvary Baptist Church: Washington, DC. January 3, 2020
- Friday Morning Music Club with Maxfield Wollam-Fischer, cello, Calvary Baptist Church: Washington, DC. October 18, 2019
- Friday Morning Music Club with Maxfield Wollam-Fischer, cello, Collington Retirement Community: Bowie, MD. October 13, 2019
- Levine Music MusicalTea Event: Silver Spring, MD. May 8, 2019

- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Art Song Concerts: Manassas, VA. January 23-24, 2019
- Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Faculty Showcase with Amanda Wilton, Viola, Twin Lake, MI: August June 29-30, 2018
- DC Strings Society with Robin Fay Massie, Viola, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church: Washington, D.C. June 10, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Cabaret Concert: Manassas, VA. June 4-5, 2018
- Alderson Broaddus University Madrigal Dinner: Philippi, WV. April 19, 2017
- Red Bank Regional High School 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert: Red Bank, NJ. May 24, 2017
- Ball State University Trombone Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. December 10, 2016
- Ball State University Flute Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. December 4, 2016
- Radio broadcast of Erik Satie's *Vexations* with various pianists: Muncie, IN. October 22, 2016
- David Kidder, Senior Horn Recital: Ball State University: Muncie, IN. October 16, 2016
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Heritage House: Wabash, IN. October 4, 2016
- Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Faculty Showcase with Marc LaChance, Trombone: Twin Lake, MI: August 12-13, 2016
- David Daily, Senior Trombone Recital: Ball State University: Muncie, IN. May 1, 2016
- Ball State University Clarinet Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. April 25, 2016
- Melissa Schleicher, Senior Viola Recital, Taylor University: Upland, IN. April 24, 2016
- Chavandra Clark, Senior Voice Recital, Taylor University: Upland, IN. April 23, 2016
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Clarke College: Clarke, IA. April 8, 2016
- An Evening of Brass: Muncie, IN. March 29, 2016
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Arkansas State University: Jonesboro, AR. March 3, 2016
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Taylor University: Upland, IN. February 19, 2016
- Ball State University Trumpet Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. January 26, 2016
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. December 1, 2015
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, Centre College: Danville, KY. November 13, 2015
- Brittany Hendricks, Trumpet, University of Kentucky: Lexington, KY. November 12, 2015
- David Jaramillo, M.M. Piano Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. February 12, 2014
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Concert: Muncie, IN. January 16, 2014
- Earl Rigsby, Senior Voice Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. September 20, 2013
- Joshua Bright, Senior Oboe Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. July 1, 2013
- Music for All Festival, Matt Lyon, Tuba: Muncie, IN. June 10, 2013
- Matthew Lyon, Tuba, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. February 27, 2013
- Jacob Visovatti, Senior Cello Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. January 20, 2013
- Indiana Public Radio Christmas Festival broadcast of "It's a Wonderful Life": Muncie, IN. December 1, 2012
- Ball State University Voice Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. April 24, 2012
- Ball State University Student Composers Forum: Muncie, IN. April 16, 2012
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of New Music, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. March 23, 2012
- Ball State University Voice Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. December 12, 2011

- Ashley Wells, Senior Harp Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. December 11, 2011
- Keisha Cook, D.A. Voice Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. November 6, 2011
- Jaclyn Wappel, D.A. Harp Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. April 23, 2011
- Lipeng Chen, A.D. Violin Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. April 1, 2011
- Ball State University Harp Studio Recital: Muncie, IN. December 11, 2010
- Patrick O’Hara, D.A. Double Bass Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. November 3, 2010
- Patrick O’Hara, D.A. Double Bass Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. October 21, 2010
- Christoph Thompson D.A. Composition Recital, Ball State University: Muncie, IN. November 6, 2010
- New Music Ensemble, Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 30, 2009
- Alex May, Senior Voice Recital, Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 11, 2009
- Voice Division Musicale, Kent State University: Kent, OH. March 17, 2009
- Stephen Forbes, Euphonium and Abigail Mariano, Clarinet: Kent, OH. March 13, 2009
- Clarinet Masterclass with Kristina Belisle, Kent State University: Kent, OH. February 25, 2009
- Keith Robinson, Cello: Hudson, OH. January 16, 2009
- Mansfield Symphony: Mansfield, OH. October 4, 2008
- Opera Showcase Concert, Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 8, 2008
- Night at the Opera, Kent State University: Kent, OH. April 5, 2007
- Kent State University Opera Works Shop: Kent, OH. November 4, 2006

#### **Recent Choir Accompanist Performances**

- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Spring Concert: Manassas, VA. May 15, 2019
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Assessment Concerts: Manassas, VA. March 15-16, 2019
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Pre-Assessment Concert: Manassas, VA. March 7, 2019
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Winter Concert: Manassas, VA. December 19, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Pre-VMEA Concert: Manassas, VA. November 13, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Fall Concert: Manassas, VA. October 18, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Spring Concert: Manassas, VA. May 22, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Assessment Concert: Manassas, VA. March 6, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Winter Concert: Manassas, VA. December 20, 2017
- Charles J. Colgan Jr. Center for the Fine and Performing Arts High School Fall Concert: Manassas, VA. October 19, 2017

- Indiana Music Education Association, Circle the State with Song Festival: Anderson, IN. February 25, 2017
- Delta High School Winter Concert: Muncie, IN. December 12, 2016
- Westminster Presbyterian Christmas Concert: Muncie, IN. December 11, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. December 7, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. December 1, 2016
- High School Choral Invitational: Muncie, IN. November 12, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Fort Wayne, IN. November 6, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. October 14, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. May 10, 2016
- Taylor University Chorale: Upland, IN. May 5, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Marion, IN. April 26, 2016
- ISSMA Large Group Choir Contest: Indianapolis, IN. April 23, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Marion, IN. April 10, 2016
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. March 16, 2016
- Westminster Presbyterian Christmas Concert: Muncie, IN. December 13, 2015
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. December 9, 2015
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. December 8, 2015
- Taylor University Adoration Choir: Upland, IN. October 23, 2015
- Ball State University Women's Chorus/University Singers: Muncie, IN. March 29, 2014
- Ball State University Women of Song Event: Muncie, IN. March 16, 2014
- Ball State University Women's Chorus: Earlham College, Earlham, IN. March 8, 2014
- Indiana Music Education Association, Circle the State with Song Festival: Indianapolis, IN. March 2, 2017
- Ball State University Holiday Concert: Muncie, IN. December 15, 2013
- Ball State University Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. November 8, 2013
- Ball State University Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. October 27, 2013
- Masterworks Chorale and Muncie Symphony Collaboration: Muncie, IN. October 20, 2013
- Ball State University Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. April 21, 2013
- Ball State University Holiday Choral Concert: Muncie, IN. December 2, 2012
- Ball State University Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. October 28, 2012
- Ball State University Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. April 28, 2012
- Ball State University Choral Concert: Muncie, IN. April 22, 2012
- Ball State University Choral Concert: Muncie, IN. April 15, 2012
- Ball State University Chamber Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. April 2, 2012
- Ball State University Concert Choir Concert: Muncie, IN. March 25, 2012
- Ball State University Holiday Concert: Muncie, IN. December 4, 2011
- Ohio State Ensemble Series with Ball State Men's Chorus: Columbus, OH. November 20, 2011
- Ball State University Men's Choir: Muncie, IN. November 11, 2011
- Count Basie Theater Student Showcase: Red Bank, NJ. March 30, 2010

### **World Premiers**

- Fugue for Piano and Flute, by Richard Anatone. March 2019
- Blossom, by Lucas Abegglen. November 2018
- Serendipity Suite, by Howard J. Buss. June 2017
- The People United, by Ross Feller. March 2017
- Sonata for Trumpet and Piano, by Christoph Thompson. March 2015
- Early Morning Clouds Obscuring the Catalinas, by S. Anthony Amstutz. March 2015
- Song of the Saguaro, by S. Anthony Amstutz. March 2015
- Sonata for Tuba and Piano, by Christoph Thompson. November 2013
- Sonata for Bassoon and Piano, by Christoph Thompson. November 2012
- Murmurs, by Michael Olson. February 2012
- Disappearing Quietly, by Michael Olson. February 2012
- After a Dream, by Joshua Clampitt. January 2012
- Invictus, by Nancy Hill Cobb. December 2011
- A Prayer, by David Kulma. March 2008
- The Road Not Taken, by David Kulma. March 2008
- La Rue a Minuit, by Raphael Fusco, April 2002

### **Radio Broadcasts**

- West Virginia Public Radio: November 2017
- Middletown Radio (IN): October 2016
- Indiana Public Radio: December 2012

### **Masterclasses: Presenter**

- Levine Music Youth Piano Performance Class: December 7, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: November 6, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: October 9, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: September 18, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: September 9, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: September 5, 2019
- Levine Music Youth Piano Performance Class: May 11, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: May 8, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: May 2, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: May 1, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: April 10, 2019
- Charles J. Colgan Performing Arts High School: March 5, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: February 2, 2019
- Levine Music Youth Piano Performance Class: January 16, 2019
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: November 7, 2018
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: September 19, 2018
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: May 2, 2018
- Charles J. Colgan Performing Arts High School: April 18, 2018

- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: December 13, 2017
- Levine Music Adult Piano Performance Class: October 18, 2017

**Masterclasses: Participant**

- Kate Boyd: June 2014
- Christopher and Katherine Fisher: March 2014
- May Phang: November 2012
- Rajang Yang: October 2011
- Spencer Myer: September 2008
- Ray Kilburn: October 2006
- Vladimir Feltsman: September 2004
- John Owings: October 2003
- Ruth Laredo: July 2003

**Summer Festivals Attended**

- Adamant Music School: 2010, 2008
  - Heifetz International Music Institute: 2004, 2003
  - Westminster Choir College Solo Artists Program: 2001, 2000
-