

ADRIAN CAMANO

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Education

2022 **B.M., Music Education, The College of New Jersey**, Ewing, NJ (*cum laude*)
Dr. John P. Leonard, Dr. Eric Laprade (conducting); Christopher Sierra, Mark Moliterno (voice)

Conducting Experience

2022-2025 **Delaware Valley Regional High School** - Frenchtown, NJ

Director of Choral Activities & Vocal Music Teacher

- Directed the artistic vision, curriculum, and daily operations of a six-ensemble choral program, including Concert Choir (non-auditioned), Vox Auri (auditioned chamber choir), treble and tenor–bass a cappella groups, and an auditioned competitive contemporary a cappella group.
- Expanded program enrollment by 75% over three years, elevating ensemble culture, recruitment efforts, and musical excellence.
- Designed strategic rehearsal plans based on score study, vocal pedagogy, and sequential musicianship development.
- Conducted ensembles in concerts, adjudications, and festivals (Roxbury Invitational, Music in the Parks, NJ-ACDA HS Choral Festival), earning Excellent and Outstanding ratings.
- Coordinated musical preparation and logistics for Concert Choir's performance at Lincoln Center for the *THIS IS ME* Choral Festival (2023).
- Mentored students selected for regional, state, and all-state honor choirs and produced a district choral festival with guest clinician, Dr. Nicholas McBride.
- Taught AP Music Theory, introductory music theory, and piano.

Vocal Musical Director, Pit Orchestra Conductor

- Prepared vocal ensembles and principal actors with emphasis on stylistic accuracy, diction, and healthy technique.
- Conducted live pit orchestra, demonstrating clear gesture, effective cueing, and precise coordination. (2023)

2021-2022 **Westrick Music Academy** - Princeton Junction, NJ

Conducting Fellow, Mentored by Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins and Fred Meads

- Led rehearsals, warmups, and sectionals for Princeton Girlchoir and Princeton Boychoir.
- Assisted ensemble preparation through rehearsal planning, diction coaching, and musical problem-solving.

Winter 2022 Cranford High School - Cranford, NJ

Student Teacher & Assistant Music Director, Mentored by Anthony Rafaniello

- Led daily vocal rehearsals, focusing on ensemble blend, vocal technique, sight-reading, aural skills, and historical/cultural interpretation of repertoire.
- Assisted the music director in coaching principal roles for the spring musical; conducted two musical numbers with live pit orchestra.
- Provided piano accompaniment for warm-ups and rehearsals, supporting ensemble cohesion and musical development.

Fall 2021 The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

Student Conductor (TCNJ Chorale), Mentored by Dr. John P. Leonard

- Led tenor/bass sectionals regularly and prepared the choir during rehearsals in the Director of Choral Activities' absence, including the world premiere of Rollo Dilworth's *Weather* and Melissa Dunphy's *Suite Remembrance*, emphasizing ensemble blend, diction, and stylistic clarity.
- Completed an independent study in advanced choral conducting, focusing on score study, rehearsal pedagogy, and diction instruction; prepared and taught Sydney Guillaume's *Kalinda* through full rehearsals and facilitated sectionals.

Selected Conducting Performances*Delaware Valley Regional High School*

- May 2025 **Annual Spring Concert**; repertoire featured music by Mozart, Farthing, Wong, and Sandon.
- Dec. 2024 **Annual Winter Concert**; repertoire featured music by Johnson, Leavitt, and Snyder.
- May 2024 **Annual Spring Concert**; repertoire featured music by Lutkin, Barrett, Hagenberg, and Steven.
- May 2023 **Annual Spring Concert**; repertoire featured music by Ticheli, Poelinitz, Aguiar, and Busto.
- Dec. 2022 **Annual Winter Concert**; repertoire featured music by Praetorius, Leontovych, and Arnésen.

Collegiate/ Student Teaching/ Community

- May 2022 ***Dirait-on* (Lauridsen) and *Ave Verum Corpus* (Byrd)**, Cranford High School Choirs
- May 2022 ***Brother's Sing On* (Grieg/arr. McKinney)**, Princeton Boychoir Young Men's Ensemble
- Dec. 2021 ***Kalinda* (Guillaume)**, The College of New Jersey Chorale

Selected Choral Singer Experience

- Oct. 2021 **World Premiere of *Weather* (Dilworth)**, Ernest & Mayo Concert Hall, TCNJ
- Mar. 2019 **Project Hand-in-Hand (Mozart's *Requiem*)**, Lincoln Center, NYC
- Mar. 2019 **The Glorious Sounds of Christmas**, Kimmel Center, PA
- Dec. 2018 **The Jubilee Magnificat Day (featuring symphonic repertoire)**, Kings Theatre, NYC

Additional Teaching Experience

- Summer 2022 **Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center Camp Ruach**, Bridgewater, NJ
 Music Specialist & Music Director for *Moana Jr.*
- Led music instruction for Pre-K–2 campers and adults with special needs, adapting lessons as needed; directed vocal rehearsals and coached principal roles for 3rd–8th graders.
- Spring 2022 **Fleetwood Elementary School**, Mount Laurel Township, NJ
 Student Teacher, Cooperating Teacher - Dr. Melissa Smith Strong
- Prepared and taught daily K–4 general music lessons using Feierabend-based methodology, differentiating instruction for students with special needs.
- Fall 2021 **Thomas R. Grover & Community Middle School**, West Windsor-Plainsboro, NJ
 Field Practicum Student, Cooperating Teacher - Max Claycomb
- Provided student-centered instruction in general music; applied Gordon Music Learning Theory for rhythm and melody, and led a piano-accompanied warm-up.

Professional Development & Professional Affiliations

- Jul. 2025 **UMKC Choral Conducting Symposium Conductor** (Kansas City, MO)
- Led by Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Dr. Charles Robinson, and Dr. Sandra Snow

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)

Mar. 2025 **National Conference Attendee** (Dallas, TX)

Aug. 2023 **NJ Summer Conference Attendee**

Aug. 2022 (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ)

National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

Mar. 2023 **Eastern Division Conference Attendee** (Rochester, NY)

New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

Feb. 2022 **State Conference Attendee**

Feb. 2020 (Atlantic City, NJ)

Honors & Awards

- 2018-2022 **TCNJ Department of Music Foundation Scholarship (\$10,000/yr)**
Dean's List (five semesters)

Service

- Nov. 2025 **New Jersey Music Educators Association All-State Mixed Chorus & Orchestra**
 Nov. 2024 Atlantic City Ensemble Attendance Manager
- Jan. 2025 **Central Music Educators Association Region II High School Mixed Chorus**
 Ensemble Manager