

# Ryan Downey

Musician, Educator, Arts Thinker  
bass-baritone

## Education

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- 2013-present Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance, Arizona State University  
*Current GPA: 4.0*
- 2009-2011 Master of Music in Vocal Performance, Cleveland Institute of Music  
*GPA: 3.90*
- 2005-2009 Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, Arizona State University  
*magna cum laude*

## Teachers, Coaches, Directors

- 2013-present Carole Fitzpatrick (Voice)
- 2013-present Russell Ryan (Vocal Coach)
- 2013-present Dale Dreyfoos (Stage Director)
- 2013-present William Reber (conductor)
- 2013-present Andrew Campbell (Coach)
- 2013-present Robert Mills (Coach)
- 2012-2013 Claudia Kennedy (Voice)
- 2009-2011 Clifford Billions (Voice)
- 2009-2011 David Bamberger (Stage Director/Coach)
- 2009-2011 John Simmons (Vocal Coach)

## Recent Academic Courses

- 2015 Grant Writing for Nonprofits, Dr. Richard Knopf
- 2015 Marketing the Arts, John Sallot
- 2015 Devising Infotainment, Brian Foley
- 2014 Music Bibliography, Dr. Kay Norton
- 2014 Music of Alban Berg, Dr. Jody Rockmaker
- 2014 Music and Gender, Dr. Kay Norton
- 2013 20th Century Russia Music History Dr. Robert Oldani
- 2013 Music Theory of Stravinsky, Dr. Rodney Rodgers
- 2013 French Art Song Repertoire, Mr. Russell Ryan

## Solo Concert Performance History

- 2015 Recital, *3 Ballades de Francois Villon*, Debussy, Arizona State University
- 2015 Concert, *Messiah* (selections), Handel, Phoenix Symphony Education Outreach
- 2015 Recital, *An die Ferne geliebte*, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Arizona State University
- 2015 Concert, *Mozart Requiem*, Bass, Arizona State University
- 2015 Concert, *Mozart Requiem*, Bass, Mount Desert Chorale, Bar Harbor, ME
- 2015 Concert, *Creation, Haydn*, Rafael, Arizona State University
- 2015 Concert, *Missa Solemnis*, Bass, Glendale Community College
- 2015 Recital, *Schwanengesang*, Franz Schubert
- 2014 Concert, Mount Desert Chorale, Bar Harbor, ME
- 2014 Recital, Selections from Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch*
- 2014 Recital, *An die Ferne geliebte*, Sunday Classics
- 2014 Recital, premiered "Greyfriars Graveyard" Composed by Bethany Brown
- 2014 Recital, Mozart "Per questa bella mano"
- 2014 Recital, Schubert's Heine songs from *Schwanengesang*
- 2014 Recital, French Art Songs, Berlioz Songs

## Choral Performance History

- 2016 Phoenix Chorale, *Big Blue Marble* concert series (contracted)
- 2016 Phoenix Chorale, *American Folk* concert series (contracted)
- 2016 True Concord, *The King of Instruments* concert series (contracted)
- 2016 True Concord, *Cantus* concert series
- 2015 Trinity Cathedral, *Lessons and Carols* concert series
- 2015 Phoenix Chorale, *A Chorale Christmas* concert series
- 2015 True Concord, *Lessons and Carols* concert series
- 2015 True Concord, *Fanfare!* concert series
- 2015 Phoenix Chorale, *Brahms' Requiem* concert series
- 2015 True Concord, *9/11 Memorial Performance*, Lincoln Center
- 2015 Phoenix Chorale, *The Bard's Tale* concert series
- 2015 Tucson Chamber Artists, *St. John Chrysostom*
- 2015 Phoenix Chorale, *Desert Song* concert series
- 2015 Tucson Chamber Artists, *Journey with Bach* concert series
- 2014 Trinity Cathedral, *Lessons and Carols*
- 2014 Phoenix Chorale, *A Chorale Christmas* concert series
- 2014 Tucson Chamber Artists, *Lessons and Carols* concert series
- 2014 Phoenix Chorale, *Requiem: Day of the Dead (Howells and Duruflé)*
- 2014 Tucson Chamber Artists, *America the Beautiful* concert series
- 2014 Trinity Cathedral Choir, St. Albans Cathedral summer residency
- 2014 Inspirare Nova, premier of *Chapels of Westminster Abbey*
- 2014 Phoenix Chorale, Kansas City Chorale *All-Night Vigil* by Sergei Rachmaninoff
- 2014 Phoenix Chorale, *Celtic Chorale* concert series
- 2013 Phoenix Choral, *A Chorale Christmas* concert series
- 2013 Trinity Cathedral Choir, *Lessons and Carols*
- 2013 Phoenix Chorale, *Amazing Grace* concert series with Run, Boy, Run

2013 Tucson Chamber Artists, *C-minor Mass*, Mozart  
2013 Tucson Chamber Artists, *American Folk Songs and Spirituals*  
2013 Phoenix Chorale, *Music of the Silver Screen* concert series  
2013 Tucson Chamber Artists, *Rossini Petite Messe*  
2013 Phoenix Chorale, *Vox Femina* concert series  
2012 Trinity Cathedral, *Lessons and Carols*  
2012 Phoenix Chorale, *A Chorale Christmas* concert series  
2012 Phoenix Chorale, *Northern Lights* concert series

### **Opera Performance**

2014 Don Alfonso, *Così fan tutte*, Arizona State University Lyric Opera Theatre  
2012 Doctor Gregg, *Gallantry*, Great Lakes Light Opera  
2011 Usher, *Trial by Jury*, Cleveland Institute of Music  
2010 Musiklehrer, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Cleveland Institute of Music  
2010 Trufaldin, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Cleveland Institute of Music  
2010 Ariodate, *Seerse*, Cleveland Institute of Music  
2009 Betto, *Gianni Schicchi*, Arizona State University Lyric Opera Theatre  
2009 Antonio, *Le nozze di Figaro*, Operafestival di Roma  
2008 Man of Armor and Priest, *Die Zauberflöte*, Operafestival di Roma

### **Opera Chorus**

2016 *Falstaff*, Arizona Opera Chorus  
2014 *Dido and Aeneas*, Arizona State University (LOT)

### **Opera Scenes**

2014 Sulpice, *La fille du régiment*, Act II selections, Arizona State University (LOT)  
2014 Ariodate, *Seerse*, Act II selections, Arizona State University (LOT)  
2011 Germont, *La traviata*, Act III, (Cleveland Institute of Music)  
2010 Guglielmo, *Così fan tutte*, "Il core vi dono..." (Cleveland Institute of Music)

### **Recordings (as singer)**

*Rachmaninoff: All-Night Vigil*, Chandos Records, Phoenix Chorale, 2015

- 2 Grammy Nominations, "Best Engineered Album, Classical" and "Best Choral Performance"

*Far in the Heavens*, Reference Recordings, True Concord, 2015

- 2 Grammy Nominations, "Best Choral Performance" and "Best Contemporary Classical Composition"

Glory to the Holy One, Phoenix Chorale, 2015

## Masterclasses and Notable Coaching

2015	Kathleen Kelly
2014	Anne MacDonald
2013	Gordon Hawkins
2011	Michael Tilson Thomas
2011	George Darden
2010	Warren Jones
2008	Robert Hale

## Courses Taught

F 2015	<b>MUP 250</b> Italian Diction (Phoenix College)
F 2015	<b>MUP 101/2</b> Private Instruction (Phoenix College)
F 2015	<b>MUP 152</b> Private Instruction (Phoenix College)
F 2015	<b>MUP 252</b> Private Instruction (Phoenix College)
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S 2015	<b>MUP 111</b> Studio Voice for Majors (ASU)
S 2015	<b>MUP 121</b> Studio Voice for Minors and Non-majors (ASU)
S 2015	<b>MUP 321</b> Advanced Studio Voice for Non-majors (ASU)
S 2015	<b>MUS 194</b> Class Voice for Non-majors (ASU) 4.88/5 Course evaluation
S 2015	<b>MUP 102 AA</b> Private Instruction: Voice (Phoenix College)
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F 2014	<b>MUP 111</b> Studio Voice for Majors (ASU)
F 2014	<b>MUP 121</b> Studio Voice for Minors and Non-majors (ASU)
F 2014	<b>MUP 321</b> Advanced Studio Voice for Non-majors (ASU)
F 2014	<b>MUS 194</b> Class Voice for Non-majors (ASU) • 4.83/5 Course evaluation
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S 2014	<b>MUP 111</b> Studio Voice for Majors (ASU)
S 2014	<b>MUP 121</b> Studio Voice for Minors and Non-majors (ASU)
S 2014	<b>MUP 321</b> Advanced Studio Voice for Non-majors (ASU)
S 2014	<b>MUS 194</b> Class Voice for Non-majors (ASU), Two sections • 4.81/5 Course evaluation • 4.77/5 Course evaluation
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F 2013	<b>MUP 111</b> Studio Voice for Majors (ASU)
F 2013	<b>MUP 121</b> Studio Voice for Minors and Non-majors (ASU)
F 2013	<b>MUP 321</b> Advanced Studio Voice for Non-majors (ASU)
F 2013	<b>MUS 194</b> Class Voice for Non-majors (ASU), Two sections • 4.86/5 Course evaluation • 4.70/5 Course evaluation

## **Student Accomplishments**

2015           Derrick Kadet, Winner of the McConnell Singers Prize, Phoenix College  
2015           Jackie Cotton, Intern for Broadway League

## **University Service**

Arizona State University Voice Preparatory Program  
Centennial Professorship Award Review Committee (Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU)  
Research Grant Award reviewer (Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU)  
Teaching Excellence Award reviewer (Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU)  
Individual travel grant reviewer (Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU)  
Group travel grant reviewer (Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU)  
Graduate advisory board to the Director of the School of Music (School of Music, ASU)  
Student Selection Committee for Dean of Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts (ASU)  
Music Theory Tutor (Cleveland Institute of Music)

## **Community Service**

Boys to Men (2015, 2014, 2013)  
Trinity Thanksgiving Meal service (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)  
Pro bono voice lessons (20 hours a year)

## **Awards**

Northern Trust/Virginia G. Piper Enrichment Award (2015-2016)  
Barbara Bluhm Memorial Award (2015-2016)  
Teaching Assistantship (2013-2015)

- ~ \$16,000 annually

Choral Special Talent Award (2013-2016)

- \$6,000 annually

The Cleveland Institute of Music Institutional Scholarship (2009-2011)

- \$39,000 annually

Elizabeth Stoeckler Stevens Prize in German Lieder (2011)  
Shirley Rabb Winston Voice Scholarship, *National Society of Arts and Letters* (2007)  
Lloyd and Leslie Bell Memorial Scholarship (2005-2009)  
The Provost Scholarship (2005-2009)  
Weingarten Realty, "We're Saying Yes to Our Youngsters' Future!" Scholarship (2005-2009)

## **Professional Associations**

American Choral Directors Association  
American Musicological Society  
College Music Society  
Recording Academy, Grammy Association  
National Association of Teachers of Singing