

## Sierra Rose Farquhar-Wulff

### **Work Experience**

#### **Music Director** Leicester University Chamber Choir; Leicester, UK

September 2023 - Current

- Conduct chamber choir in two concerts per year, plus services with local churches.
- Conduct one UK and one international tour per year.

#### **Choral Entrepreneur** Warwick - A Singing Town; Warwick, UK

September 2023 - Current

- Support singing programs in the Warwick schools and community through regular teaching engagements and collaboration with teachers.

#### **Music Director** Ryton Chorale; Worksop, UK

September 2023 - Current

- Plan and conductor repertoire for 60 voice amateur choir in three concerts per year.
- Prepare chorus to perform Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* with the Nottingham Symphony Orchestra.

#### **Guest Music Director** Cantoras Upper Voices Choir; Birmingham, UK

January 2024-May 2024

- Conduct Cantoras upper voices chamber choir in their Spring concert. Programme is titled 'She' and features pieces by all women composers from the Renaissance through modern eras.

#### **Conductor** *University of Birmingham*; Birmingham, UK

September 2022 - March 2023

- Co-direct Camerata (Mixed Voices) in collaboration with two other master's students.
- Assistant direct University Singers under the leadership of Bob Chilcott.
- Assist in warmups for the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus.

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant (Assistant Conductor of Symphony Orchestra, University Singers, Concert Choir, and Titan Voices)** *California State University, Fullerton*; Fullerton, CA, USA

August 2019 - August 2022

- Assistant directed the University Singers (Mixed Voices), Concert Choir (Mixed Voices), Titan Voices (Treble Voices), and University Symphony Orchestra.
- Co-taught undergraduate advanced choral conducting and beginning instrumental conducting.
- Served as Choral Department coordinator; Planned yearly ensemble auditions, coordinated tour to Australia, and ran day-to-day operations of the department.

#### **Chief Operating Officer, Conductor** *Blueprint Ensemble Arts and Theatre Initiative*; Portland, OR, USA

December 2015 - June 2019

- Conducted five adult choirs, and piloted children's choir and strings programs.
- Managed organization's growth through grant writing, social media, and community engagement.

#### **Assistant Director and Administrative Assistant** *The Children's Voice Chorus*; Miami, FL, USA

August 2013 - May 2015

- Assisted in directing three children's choirs of varying experience levels.
- Collaborated with parents through various modes of contact to facilitate communication and understanding between chorus staff and the families.

#### **Freelance Conductor** Orange County, CA, USA

September 2019 - August 2022

- Conducted various church choirs and instrumental ensembles on a freelance basis.
- Performed as a soloist and choir member for St. Andrew's by the Sea United Methodist Church.

## **Education**

**Master of Arts in Choral Conducting** (Distinction), *University of Birmingham*

**Master of Music in Music Performance** (Distinction), *California State University Fullerton*

**Bachelor of Music in Music Education** (Suma Cum Laude), *University of Miami*

## **Notable Performances**

**Chorus Master for Andrea Bocelli at the Hollywood Bowl** October 2021 and June 2022

- Served as Chorus Master for the CSU Fullerton University Singers in performance with Andrea Bocelli and special guests at the Hollywood Bowl.
- Assisted in preparing the chorus alongside Dr. Robert Istad and Dr. Chris Peterson.

**CSU Fullerton University Singers Australia Tour** Summer 2022

- Conducted University Singers and the Choir of Trinity College Melbourne in Evensong.
- Conducted the University Singers in performances in Sydney, Canberra, Bairnsdale, and Melbourne.

**Berkshire Choral International Concert at Teatro Verdi in Florence, Italy** August 2023

- Assisted Heinz Ferlesch in preparing the choir to perform Giuseppe Verdi's *Messa da Requiem*.

**University of Birmingham Camerata Spring Concert** March 2023

- Conducted the Camerata ensemble in a performance including pieces by Edward Elgar, Morten Lauridsen, Nathaniel Dett, Peter Philips, and Sarah Quartel.

**Graduate Conducting Recital** November 2021

- Organized, rehearsed, and directed choir and instrumental ensembles in my master's recital.
- Repertoire including works by J.S. Bach, Moira Smiley, Caroline Shaw, Alice Parker, Tarik O'Regan, and Lili Boulanger.

**Big Island Tour with Na Wai Chamber Choir** Summer 2017

- Participated in a conducting and teaching workshops culminating in a performance of Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs* and Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*.
- Performed and traveled Na Wai Chamber choir, a professional treble chorus.

**CSU Fullerton Choirs at Carnegie Hall** February 2020

- Performed *Chichester Psalms* with the CSU Fullerton University Singers and Concert Choir at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Dr. Robert Istad.

**John Williams at the Hollywood Bowl** August 2019

- Performed movie soundtracks alongside the L.A. Philharmonic under the direction of David Newman and John Williams.

## **Presentations and Publications**

**Choral Journal** May 2023

- Cover Article - *Discounting Our Colleagues: Gender Inequity in the Choral Conducting Profession*

**ACDA Western Division Conference** March 2022

- Poster Presentation - Gender Discrimination in the Choral Conducting Profession.

## **Awards and Fellowships**

- Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society 2022
- CSU System Wide Research Competition - First Place Creative Arts and Design 2021
- Elliot & Kathleen Alexander Scholarship and David Thorsen Endowed Scholarship - CSU Fullerton Financial Awards 2019-22
- Frost School of Music, Music Education Department Outstanding Student 2015
- University of Miami Rhodes Scholar Nominee and University of Miami Service Fellow 2014