

Mr. Michael K. Hancey

Arts Educator, Conductor & Playwright – Biography

Mr. Michael K. Hancey began his teaching career in 1991, having graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Music Degree, Choral emphasis. He has taught in Arizona, Wisconsin, Idaho (where he earned his Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision), and finally teaching in Wyoming. Over the course of his career he has taught at all levels of education from kindergarten to high school seniors.

He taught elementary music, junior high choir, senior high choir, Spanish, Musical Theatre, AP Music Theory, Drama 1 & 2, Theatre Tech, Shakespeare through Film, Bach to Rock, and many other courses. He served as Department Chair multiple times, on various curriculum committees, high school principal, Theatre Manager, and other roles within education.

As a teacher, his choirs toured the United States, Ireland, and Western Europe winning multiple awards. He also served as Wyoming President of ACDA, Jazz Choir conductor for Wyoming Ambassadors of Music, and has conducted various community and religious based choirs.

He has directed over twenty Musical Theatre productions including "Something Rotten!", "Bye, Bye Birdie", "Mamma Mia!", "White Christmas", "Pippin", "Beauty and the Beast", "Into the Woods", "The Addams Family", "Peter Pan", "Les Miserables School Edition", "Singin' in the Rain", "Cinderella" and many, many more. He has also directed multiple plays including "Blithe Spirit", "1984", "Romeo and Juliet", "Almost, Maine", "The Laramie Project", "Alice in Wonderland", "You Can't Take It With You", "12 Angry Jurors", and many more.

Mr. Hancey retired from teaching in 2022 and currently resides in western New York with his partner Cyndi, and cat Hamilton, and works as a playwright and in Human Resources for a major home improvement retailer.