

SHARON WATSON

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CHURCH EMPLOYMENT

Organist

San Dieguito Methodist Church, Encinitas, CA (2016-2019)

Organist

Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN (2006-2011)
Served as Interim Music Director (2006-2007)
Handbell Member
Piano and Harp Soloist

Organist & Choir Director

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Carmel, IN (Interim - 1 year)
Speedway Christian Church, Speedway, IN (Interim - 1 year)
Bethesda-By-The-Sea, Palm Beach, FL (Summer 1987)

Organist

Methodist Church, Tallahassee, FL (1988-89)

Organist & Choir Master (adult and children)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hammond, IN (1959-1981)
Composed and performed original anthems and masses

Notable Substitute/Interim Posts

In San Diego

Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Coronado
St. Andrews Episcopal, Encinitas
St. Michael's By-the-Sea, Carlsbad
St. Peter's Episcopal, Del Mar
Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla

West Palm Beach Congregational Church, West Palm Beach, FL (3 years)
Royal Poinciana Church, Palm Beach Gardens, FL (1 year)
Methodist Church, Boca Raton, FL (3 years)
Speedway Baptist, Indianapolis, IN (2 years)
St. Joan of Arc Catholic, Indianapolis, IN (3 years)
Congregational Church, Indianapolis, IN (1 year)
Northminster Presbyterian, Indianapolis, IN (1 year)
Central Baptist, Indianapolis, IN (1 year)
First United Lutheran, Hammond, IN (1 year)
Christian Science, Unity, and Reformed Jewish Services

Organ Dedication Recitals

Available upon request

EDUCATION

U. of Florida, Doctoral course work (Organ) with Dr. Michael Corzine, harp: Mary Roman, piano:
Mrs. Maestrogiaccamo, Tallahassee, FL (1990)

Valparaiso University, Completed Master course work (Harp) Martha Burwell, Valparaiso, IN (1975)

American Conservatory of Music, M.M. (Organ) Drs. E. Eigenschenck and R. Lodine, Chicago, IL (1971)

American Conservatory of Music, M.M. (Piano) Grace Welsh, Chicago, IL (1970)

Indiana University, B.M. (Piano) Menachem Pressler, (Organ) Dr. O. Ragatz, (Harp) Mildred Dilling (1958).

Stephens College, A.A., piano with D. Milliken, harp with Charles Kleinsteuber, Columbia, MO (1956)
Interlochen Music School, (Summer) Interlochen, MI (1955)

Private harp lessons: Mary Jo Green, (Chicago, IL) and Maria Rosa Vidal, (San Juan Puerto Rico) from 1981-2003.

HONORS

Inducted into the Hall of Fame at Northwestern High School, Kokomo, IN (2008)

TEACHING & ACCOMPANYING

Over 40 years experience teaching private piano, harp and organ students of all levels.

Adjunct Instructor of Piano and Harp

Palm Beach Atlantic College and Palm Beach Junior College, West Palm Beach, FL (1980-1988)

Adjunct Instructor of Piano and Staff Accompanist

Thornton Community College, Homewood IL (1965-1975)

Staff & First Call Accompanist

Marion College, Indianapolis, IN (1982-1990)

Carlsbad High School (2018-19)

SYMPHONY & POPS HARPISIT

Sharon Watson has performed most recently with The Palomar Symphony (2018-19). Past luminaries include: Dave Brubeck, Billy Taylor and Doc Severson as well as The Northwest Indiana Symphony, The South Bend Symphony, The Mid-West Pops Orchestra, The South Florida Symphony, The Boca Raton Pops Orchestra and The Palm Beach Opera Company.

MUSICAL THEATRE HARPISIT / PIANIST

The Star Theatre (Merrillville, IN), The Sunrise Theatre (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), The Riverside Theater (Vero Beach, FL) The Burt Reynolds Theater (Jupiter, FL)

MUSICAL THEATRE DIRECTOR

The Miss Illinois Pageant (Miss America), The Players (Indianapolis), The Rosarian Theater (FL) and The North Palm Spotlight Players (FL)

OTHER EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

Steady piano, harp, and/or trio engagements at: Indianapolis' premier, The Skyline Club for 20 years, The Breakers Hotel and The Everglades Club in Palm Beach, FL, The Boca Raton Hotel, The Longboat Key Club (Sarasota, FL), and The Ritz-Carlton (San Juan, Puerto Rico). Corporate events, weddings, parties etc.

HARP COMPOSITIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS

Ms. Watson currently sells her music for solo and ensemble pedal and lever harp, cello and flute at www.sharonwatsonmusic.com. Her collection of over 1000 classical, pop, sacred, international, opera and Broadway arrangements and originals has been used by harp professionals and academicians around the world for over four decades. Her music has been recorded by numerous harpists

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATIONS

Co-founded Northwest Indiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Co-founded National Guild of Organ Teachers

Secretary of the Indiana Music Teachers Association

Adjudicator of National Guild of Organ Teachers

Dean and past Sub-Dean of the A.G.O. Northwest Indiana Chapter

President of Northwest Indiana Music Teachers Association

Member of Mu Phi Epsilon National Music Sorority

Member of the American Harp Society