

# Robert F. Denson

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## OBJECTIVES

- To obtain a music teacher position in New Jersey Public Schools
- To continue teaching guitar, bass, piano, voice, or ukulele at private studio

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- New Jersey Teacher of Music K-12 Certified, Bachelors in Music Education
- Specialization in vocal music, music theory and technology, guitar programs
- Skilled guitarist, pianist, and vocalist with band and orchestra experience
- Experience in a wide variety of choir, show, and concert productions
- Certified Substitute Teacher in Middlesex County
- Ten years of private music instruction
- Exceptional organizational, leadership, and time management skills

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

June 2010 **Long Term General Music Substitute 1-5**, East Brunswick, NJ  
*Warnsdorfer Elementary School*

- Maternity leave position June 1, 2010 – June 23, 2010.
- Taught each of the 570 students in the school at least once per week.
- Implemented various lesson plans left by teacher as well as my own.
- Topics included vocal music repertoire such as canons, rounds, call and response, Orff percussion, Kodaly, gestures, improvisation, composition, history, and more.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade students played recorders along to CD of rock, latin, and funk music.
- Various activities took place all around the room with each period typically involving at least three lessons with at least one being interdisciplinary.

March 2010 – June 2010 **General Music Teacher 4-8**, Scotch Plains, NJ  
*St. Bartholomew Academy*

- Taught grades 4-8 once per week for 45 minutes each concerning various issues of musicality such as Orff percussion, Kodaly, gestures, improvisation, composition, music history and vocal music repertoire such as canons, rounds, call and response, and more.

2009 Fall Semester **Student Teaching K-4** Amsterdam Elementary, Hillsborough, NJ.  
*Cooperating Teacher, Steven Miller - Vocal Music*

- Worked collaboratively with co-op teacher to implement diversified music instruction for students of all capabilities and learning styles.
- Taught specific vocal techniques such as harmonies and canons.
- Prepared and implemented Orff based lesson plans with student improvisation.
- Aided in student composition through the use of computer software media.
- Assisted in the organization of the Second Grade Concert and Winter Concert.

2009 Fall Semester **Student Teaching 9-12** Franklin High School, Somerset, NJ.

*Cooperating Teacher, Roger Spinella - Guitar Program Director*

- Guitar program consisted of five classes, 129 students enrolled in the program.
- Contributed new repertoire, techniques, and lesson plans to the program.
- Aided the instruction of the extra-curricular guitar ensemble and Winter Concert.
- Organized, cataloged, and distributed over 180 instruments to students.

2009 Spring Semester **Field Work K-5** Redwood Elementary School, West Orange, NJ.

*Cooperating Teacher, Joel Perry-Vocal Music*

- Completed 60 hours of Field Work.
- Created and taught a Unit Plan with varied vocal music lessons.
- Assisted and observed the co-op teacher during lessons and administrative tasks.

2000 – Present **Private Music Instructor**, East Brunswick, NJ

- Providing guitar lessons to many dozens of students to students of all ages and levels with many students performing in bands locally and in college for music.
- Piano, bass, voice, ukulele, and music theory lessons also available.

## EDUCATION

- Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ January 2010  
Bachelors of Music Degree in Music Education  
Dean's list each semester  
Magna Cum Laude  
3.75 GPA
- Music Education Teaching Certificate K – 12, NJ January 2010
- Substitute Teaching License, Middlesex County, NJ January 2010
- Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ May 2006  
Dean's List each semester  
Phi Theta Kappa  
3.85 GPA
- East Brunswick High School, East Brunswick, NJ June 2004

## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

- Finale
- Sibelius
- Genesis (online grading, attendance)
- Super Duper Music Looper
- Making Music
- Microsoft Office
- Internet and Email Savvy

**Portfolio available upon request**