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New York City

# Rachel Ohnsman

## Music Educator, Vocalist & Pianist

Collaborative leader with 12 years of experience directing ensembles of all ages, abilities, and genres. Dynamic vocalist and pianist, on- and off-stage. Visionary creative and fierce advocate for social justice.

## Experience

### Music Educator

Queens College Summer Camp, New York, NY	2025-2026
The Belfry Centre, New York, NY	2025-2026
Spotlight Kids, New York, NY	2025-2026
New Roads School, Los Angeles, CA	2021-2024
Berks Youth Chorus, Reading, PA (online)	2020-2022
Frost School of Music CAM Program, Miami, FL	2019-2020
Young Musician's Camp, Miami, FL	2016-2020
Community Arts Program, Miami, FL	2016-2020

Working creatively with elementary, middle school, high school, and college students; designing unique learning experiences; teaching private lessons, vocal ensembles (classical, jazz, pop), songwriting & music theory classes; accompanying students on piano; adjusting approach for age group & ability level; providing technical support; providing emotional support.

### Freelance Musician

Music Director	2014-2026
Orchestrator & Arranger	2018-2026
Vocalist	2018-2026

Planning music rehearsals; collaborating with many teams and personalities; vocal arranging on the fly; providing constructive & sensitive feedback to singers; conducting; singing & playing keyboards using notated sheet music, chord charts, and ear training.

### Church Music Director

Friendly Valley Community Church, Santa Clarita, CA	2021-2024
Unity of Fort Lauderdale, FL	2019-2022
Trinity Covenant Church of Livingston, NJ (online)	2020-2021

Selecting, rehearsing, and performing music for worship services; studying liturgy to serve most impactful music throughout the year; leading contemporary music team (Unity); playing traditional hymns & leading volunteer choir (Friendly Valley); preparing notated & improvised preludes on piano & organ; underscoring sermons & meditations; preparing music for special services.

### Freelance Highlights

**Moon Songs** (8 track original EP); **Los Otros** (off-Broadway, music assistant); **Cars on the Road** (Disney+, vocalist); **15 Minute Musicals** (NewMusicalsInc., music director); **Symphonic Orchestra of Puerto Rico** (student conductor); **Piano Slam** (Adrienne Arscht Center, pianist); **Coca Cola holiday commercial** (vocalist); **Breaking Genres** (TEDxUMiami Talk)

## References

<b>Daniel C. Strange</b>	University of Miami
Program Director, M.A.D.E. Degree	+1 (207) 671-3189
<b>Sadie Yarrington</b>	New Roads School
Performing Arts Faculty	+1 (734) 834-3482

## Skills

Lesson Planning | Conducting | Project Management | Creative Direction | Contracting | Music Arranging | Music Notation | Audio-Visual Production | Graphic Design | Composing | Event Planning

## Languages

English 

Spanish 

Frequently Sung 

(Italian, Latin, German, Portuguese, Hebrew, French)

Additional experience singing Sephardic, Japanese, Dutch, Hawaiian, Czech, Estonian, Russian, Finnish, Norwegian, Korean, & Swahili

## Education

### Conducting Training

Undergraduate choral conducting classes, Graduate orchestral conducting seminar, professional film conducting workshops and sessions

University of Miami  
Los Angeles Film Conducting Intensive

### Master of Music

Film Scoring and Music Production  
University of Miami  
2018-2020

### Bachelor of Arts in Music

Jazz, Classical Voice, and Psychology  
University of Miami  
2014-2018