

PEARCE CHOIR VOCAL INSTRUCTORS 2017-18



Tina Thompson-Broussard

Richardson native **Tina Thompson-Broussard** holds vocal performance degrees from Baylor University & Florida State University. After completing her Master's, she was awarded a Rotary International Scholarship to study at the International Opera Studio in Zurich, Switzerland. Later moving to Germany, she performed lead roles in operas in Germany, Italy & the Ukraine. In 1991-92, she sang the role of Carlotta in *Phantom of the Opera* in Hamburg, Germany, performing over 300 shows. She moved back to Zurich in 1992 to sing with the Zurich Opera. She returned to America in 1996 to teach at Furman University in Greenville, SC. There she taught voice, diction, music appreciation & was the assistant opera director at Furman until 2003, when she joined the music staff of Christ Church Episcopal & started a large private voice studio. She also served as Adjunct Professor of Voice at Clemson University & was a frequent performer in the area, appearing with the Greenville Symphony & Chorale, Concordiae Vocal Ensemble, Hendersonville Symphony, Hilton Head Symphony, Newberry Opera, Greenville Little Theatre & the Greenville Opera, which she co-founded. Her students have gone on to perform in Broadway shows, national tours, receive large voice scholarships to renowned universities, acceptance to highly competitive summer programs for opera & musical theater, & have become regional, & national vocal competition winners and finalists. A member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing & Repertoire Chair for the South Carolina chapter, she received an Independent Teacher Fellowship from the organization in 2014. Having recently moved to Dallas, TX, she now directs music at Christ UMC in Farmers Branch, performs in local theatres and teaches privately in her home.

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Alexis Nguyen

Alexis Nguyen is a recent alumna of Southern Methodist University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. During her time at SMU, Ms. Nguyen sang in choirs under the direction of Jodie Hill-Coke, Robert Ward, and Dr. Pamela Elrod-Huffman, including a featured performance for the Southwest Division of the American Choral Directors Association Convention in March 2016. She is a member of TMEA, TCDA, and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Ms. Nguyen will be entering her first year of teaching as an Assistant Choral Director at Murphy Middle School in Plano ISD. She completed her student teaching in Richardson ISD at J.J. Pearce High School and Richardson North Junior High School in the spring of 2017. She is ecstatic to start her new career as a choral director in addition to continuing her collaboration with the J.J. Pearce choirs as a private lesson teacher.

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