

## **CURRICULUM VITAE - HEATHER BENTLEY**

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Heather is an experienced musician who has also pursued a successful business career. Music has filled many of the gaps and lifted the spirits throughout.

Heather is a Conductor, Singing and Piano Teacher, Creative Music Practitioner and Singing for Breathing specialist.

Heather works to bring singing to Community and Care Home projects, primarily aimed at 50+ age group. Heather has also worked with students from age 7 to 87!

Heather taught choristers (boys and girls aged 7 – 18) at All Saints' Church, Northampton. The 3 choirs of 60 young people were run on a cathedral basis, involving 4 evenings of teaching per week with the choirs offering 5 Evensong Services and 1 Choral Eucharist per week.

### **Training and Professional Development - Musician**

Junior Exhibitioner Scholarship to Royal Academy of Music (1<sup>st</sup> study piano, 2<sup>nd</sup> study clarinet (until 1977), 2<sup>nd</sup> study singing 1977-9)

Grade VI Singing Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music Gold Medallist

Senior Student at Royal Academy of Music (1<sup>st</sup> study singing, 2<sup>nd</sup> study piano)

Advanced Certificate in Singing, Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music

Certificate of Teaching Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music

Singing for Breathing Training

Foundation Conducting with Sing for Pleasure

Kodaly Institute, Budapest – Study Tour - Kindergarten, Junior and Secondary

### **Work Experience – Musician**

Part-time Private Piano, Singing and Theory of Music Teacher, Enfield, Middx

Moved to Northampton and focused on business career (see below)

Private part-time Singing & Pianoforte Teacher to age group 8 - 85

All Saints' Church, Northampton – Part-time Singing Teacher to 60 choristers and choral scholars aged 8 – 18 – reporting to Simon Johnson, Musical Director

Chairman, Northampton Bach Choir (voluntary position)

Certificate of Teaching Part-time Course

All Saints' Church, Northampton – Part-time Singing Teacher to 45 choristers and choral scholars aged 8 – 18 – reporting to Lee Dunleavy, Musical Director

Private part-time Singing, Pianoforte & Theory Teacher - Northampton

Private Singing, Piano & Theory of Music Teacher, Isle of Wight

Creative Music Practitioner & SingAbout Workshop Leader East Cowes, 'Singing for Breathing' Practitioner for Independent Arts, and Weekly Musician for Scio Healthcare & other Care Homes

Musical Director of Junior Choir, Parents' Choir and Intermediate String Orchestra for Isle of Wight Music Centre

## **Education and Business Career**

Latymer Grammar School, Edmonton, London – 6 O levels and 2 A levels; Grade VIII Pianoforte; Grade VI Singing; Grade VI Clarinet

Pitmans Intensive Secretarial Course, Pitmans College, London

Rendell, Palmer and Tritton (builders of Thames Barrier) P.A. To Managing Director

Financial Insurance Group, Enfield various progressive positions - P.A. To Sales & Marketing Director and 16 Salesmen; Sales & Marketing Administrator, Assistant Manager – Claims Department, New Business and Implementation Manager – Operations, Claims and Customer Services Manager, Project Manager – IT System Implementation on behalf of Operations Division

AIG Europe Limited – Administration Manager, Accident & Health - responsible for centralising 9 branch operations to Northampton

Business Consultant

General Medical Council – Maternity cover for Operations Manager, London

Eastern Electricity & Gas – Operations and Customer Service Manager, Bedford

Quip (Internet Telephony Company) 'Eescape' Operations Manager

DRS Data Research Services Limited, Milton Keynes, various positions, Print Project Manager, International Account Manager, Customer Service Manager UK & International, primarily Africa and Project Manager – International

## **Other hobbies and interests:**

Cantata Choir, Ryde Chorus, Solo Singing for Weddings, Oratorios, Recitals and Light Hearted Entertainments, Playing the Accordion in Wight Accordion Group

Theatre, Literature, Languages, Swimming, Knitting