

Résumé for David L. Ritter

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Personal Philosophy of Worship: The thrust of the Music Ministry of every church (and Christian Academic Institutions) should be to cultivate a spirit of authentic and contagious worship, and at the same time provide opportunities for individual expression to the Lord. I desire to teach others to love God “with all that they possess” and recognize that humility and character supersede talent and “performance.” The goal of every worship service should not be to entertain, but rather, to provide an atmosphere where people can encounter and engage with God.

Goals: It is my premise to enhance the evangelistic goals of the church through choir, orchestra, and the pageantry of quality musical productions, as well as cultivate a spirit of worship in the body. I endeavor to stay on the national cutting edge of music and worship, while promoting a balance of style that is indigenous and appropriate for the local church respectively, i.e., maintaining a “blended worship” experience for a blended congregation. I also seek to pursue my songwriting and orchestrating gifts to be integrated into the local music ministry. I desire to shepherd others in living “lifestyle worship,” and at the same time, encourage others to develop their gifts to provide exceptional musicality to the Lord and to the church.

Personal objective: It is my prayer to seek God for the power to be a life changing force in the Music Ministry by maintaining a balanced and healthy spiritual life.

Summary: I am a highly motivated, talented, and creative individual. I strive to be a team player, a master of management and administrative skills, and a disciple of the Word. I am a strong yet flexible leader and a believer in developing positive personal and public relationships. I strive to lead by example and to walk in humility and righteousness, recognizing that the best leader is first a servant. I have just completed the courses for my “Masters in Music and Worship Studies” (Cum Laude) from Liberty Theological Seminary on Friday, December 14th, 2012.

Work History

Sonrise Baptist Church, Santee, CA (2002-2011)
Phoenix First Assembly, Phoenix, AZ, (1989-2001)
San Diego First Assembly, San Diego, CA, (1981-1989)

Education

- ◇ Master's in Music and Worship Studies from Liberty University Theological Seminary. Graduated with a 4.0 GPA, 2012.
- ◇ Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwest Bible College in Kirkland, WA (1978) with a double major in Bible Literature and Music Ministry, ranking third in class.
- ◇ Post graduate studies at California State University, Long Beach, CA, and San Diego State University, emphasis on Conducting (1980).

Gifted:

- ◇ Accomplished pianist, Songwriter, Orchestrator, and Producer of over 300 recorded songs; Orchestrations have exceeded 1,200 tunes
- ◇ I have the versatility to write and orchestrate in numerous venues, “on demand”
- ◇ I have served as administrator for large graded choir programs, including children's, youth, Senior's Choirs, and adult choirs and ensembles
- ◇ Quite comfortable teaching and leading seminars on worship in countries around the world

Published Works:

- ◇ Song writer/arranger for **Lillenas Publishing** (Nazarene,) **Hal Leonard** (Christian Division,) **Genevox/Lifeway** (Southern Baptist,) and **Brentwood Benson** Publishing companies; also served as a consultant to **Word** Music and **Integrity** Music; I currently have over 95 songs published
- ◇ Written numerous articles for religious magazines
- ◇ Author of Manual for the Ministry of Music (textbook used in over 35 major Universities)
- ◇ Published Instrumental solo/duet books
 - “Hymns and Classics for the Violin” (Lillenas)
 - “Chancel Strings” (Lillenas)
 - “Classic Hymns for Violin” (Lillenas)
 - “Piano Interludes for worship” (Hal Leonard)

Guest Speaker, Singer and Conductor:

- ◇ Assistant online Professor to Professor Amy Breslow, Grand Canyon University, Glendale, Arizona (2011-2012)
- ◇ Clinician-General Council, Church of God (National Conference)
- ◇ Guest clinician at Southern Baptist Conference for California Baptist University, Riverside, CA, 2005
- ◇ Adjunct Professor for the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
- ◇ Guest clinician for San Diego Christian College, Dr David Jeremiah, Pastor and Chancellor. (Southern Baptist)
- ◇ Guest speaker/clinician for various International Conferences in Copenhagen, Denmark, Manila, Philippines, Europe, Croatia, Holland, Ireland, Singapore, India, and throughout the United States.
- ◇ Worship Leader and choir director for Hosanna/Integrity Music Album, “All Hail The Power” CD.
- ◇ Served as guest conductor and clinician for the California State Southern Baptist Convention held in San Diego at Shadow Mountain Church, Dr. David Jeremiah, Pastor.
- ◇ Guest conductor and singer for the International General Council of the Assemblies of God (Minneapolis 1995, Indianapolis 1997, St. Louis 1999) (all were televised).
- ◇ Led performing groups for numerous conferences, conventions and 7 world premieres of musicals at MUSICalifornia, featuring mass choirs and orchestras.

Radio and Television “jingle” Orchestrations including:

- ◇ Kraft Rancher’s Choice
- ◇ Valley Bank of Nevada
- ◇ KHNL, Channel 13 (Hawaii)
- ◇ Hoigard’s Sporting Goods
- ◇ Theme song for “One Minute With God” Radio program
- ◇ Various other station ID’s and commercial projects

Conducting Experience:

- ◇ Indianapolis Symphony Studio Orchestra (several commercial publishing projects)
- ◇ San Diego Symphony Studio Orchestra (several commercial publishing projects)
- ◇ Directed and sang in back-up group for Michael English and the quartet "For Him" at The Coliseum, Phoenix, AZ
- ◇ The "NBC String" group for numerous jingles. (Studio West, San Diego)
- ◇ Conducted/arranged for National Concert for Family Life Radio featuring the music of John W. Peterson
- ◇ Conducted over 30 pageants per year for 12 years, each which featured a 45 piece concert orchestra, including members of the Phoenix Symphony, 500 cast members, including over 200 choir members. Programs were performed each time with over 7,000 in attendance, reaching a total of nearly 90,000 people in a ten day period for each program respectively.
- ◇ Recently conducted a large orchestra and choir on a weekly basis for church services

Television:

- ◇ Led mass Choir and orchestra for live TV broadcast for New Year's Eve Celebration 2000, with stars Clifton Davis and MC Hammer
- ◇ Conducted 800 voice choir and full orchestra for the World Day of Prayer, International Live TV Broadcast, 1996
- ◇ Conducted full orchestra and 200 voice choir, and sang in over 175 pageants for Celebrate Christmas, and Celebrate Easter, with over 7,000 in attendance for each event respectively, many of which were edited for national broadcasts. (Over a 12 year period at Phoenix First Assembly with Pastor Tommy Barnett)
- ◇ Conducted and sang solos for the National broadcast of "Celebrate America" with a live audience of over 15,000
- ◇ Guest speaker on TBN for numerous occasions

Recordings and Albums

Songwriter, Producer, Orchestrator, and conductor:

- ◇ Indianapolis Symphony Studio Group
- ◇ San Diego Symphony Recordings (select groups)
- ◇ Hosanna Integrity “All Hail the Power” (Worship Leader and choir director)
- ◇ The “Spirit of Christmas” choir musical (John W. Peterson Publishing)
- ◇ Jay Johnson Country Gospel I, II, and III
- ◇ Dorothe Lee Gospel Album I and II
- ◇ The “Vincent's” Gospel Album
- ◇ Israeli Music Album, “Liberty”
- ◇ Gospel Celebration, “The Allred's”
- ◇ Holy Praise (Phoenix First Assembly Choir and Orchestra)
- ◇ ”Sing and Rejoice” Christmas Musical for choir and orchestra
- ◇ “In the Garden” (featuring Sunrise Orchestra) (December, 2007)
- ◇ “I Will rejoice” (published by Gospel Publishing House)
- ◇ Numerous other custom albums for solo and group artists

Honors and Awards

Published songwriter (over 100 songs) and orchestrator (over 1200 tunes)
One of the lead consultants for Word and Integrity's *Celebration Hymnal*
Third recipient of the Tommy Barnett Winner's Award

Liberty University Theological Seminary

December 14, 2012- Master's Degree in Worship Studies conferred, with 4.0 GPA

1978- Northwest University

Top Five Academically (3.87-Magna Cum Laude)
President's Award for Northwest College
Vice President of Senior Class
Who's Who Among American Universities
National Dean's List
Delta Epsilon Chi member
Director of elite ensemble "Northwesteners" for 2 years

1975 Grays Harbor Community College

Graduating rank 3/400, (Magna Cum Laude)
Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa (National Honor Society)

1973 Montesano High School

Graduated with Honors
Quill and Scroll Journalism Award
Schaffer Scholarship
Eagle's Music Award
Music Department President

References:

Dr. Dave Bray, President of Global Outreach International (Mission's Organization).
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Dr Donald Ellsworth, Chair of Music Department, Baptist Bible College in Clark's Summit, PA. dellsworth@bbc.edu | www.bbc.edu/seminary

Dr. Doug Bray, Senior's Pastor, Sonrise Community Baptist Church, Santee, CA (619) 596-7667 dougb@sonrise.net

Pastor Tommy Barnett, pastor of Phoenix First Assembly (602) 867-7117
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Dr. Richard Dresselhaus, Executive Presbyter of the Assemblies of God International and former Pastor of San Diego First Assembly. (619) 286-9361 rldress@aol.com

Dr. James Melton, Dean of Music, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (714) 556-3610

Dr. Phil Barfoot, producer, arranger, songwriter, and owner of Christian Copyright Alliance, Nashville, TN (615) 771-2665 EMAIL: cct@cctmusic.comcastbiz.net

Other References Upon Request:

Dr. Frank Spinosa, Former Chairman of String Department at Arizona State University, retired: (602) 573-5900

Abelardo D. Flores, Director of the San Diego Concert Band

Don Marsh, producer, arranger, songwriter and orchestrator (Liberty U.) 434-907-5637

Tom Fettke, world renowned arranger and writer, and friend: 615-665-8585

O.D. Hall, former President and owner of MUSICalifornia: 818-993-0680