

## David Shefsiek – Musical Theatre



David Shefsiek has enjoyed a successful career in music and theatre for the past 40 years, serving in leadership positions on all sides of the stage, as an educator, administrator and performer. He is recently retired as a Voice Instructor at the University of Lethbridge Conservatory of Music, where he has the pleasure of working with a studio of singers of all ages in classical, musical theatre and popular styles.

David received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees of Music in vocal performance, and performed with Des Moines Metro Opera, Sarasota Opera and Ohio Light Opera, and companies in Vancouver, New York and New England.

For over two decades, arts administration was the focus of his professional life. He has held executive positions at Pacific Opera Victoria, Vancouver Opera, Pittsburgh Opera and Alberta Theatre Projects, providing expertise in strategic planning, marketing, fundraising and artistic administration.

Throughout his career, David has remained active as an educator, adjudicator and voice instructor. He has taught opera history at Carnegie Mellon University Extension Programs and the UBC Downtown Campus. He has been a judge for the Metropolitan Opera Council National Auditions program. He directed the Southern Alberta Vocal Experience at the University of Lethbridge, and has been on faculty at the Opera NUOVA, Victoria Summer Vocal Academy, St. Michael's University School Opera Program, and served as an adjudicator at Canadian Music Festivals from coast to coast.

David has become a proud Maritimer, residing in Halifax, Nova Scotia since July 2023.