

Michael Bussewitz-Quarm

COMPOSER | CONDUCTOR

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Education

1999 **M.S., Music Education** Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College

1994 **B.M. Music Education** Ithaca College,

Major Teachers:

Ms. Mary Ann Covert, Mr. Walt Multer (piano performance)

Dr. Janet Galvan, Dr. Lawrence Doebler, Mr. Grant Cooper (conducting)

Commissions

2017 Huntington, NY **World Premiere "The Road That Has No End"**
commissioned and performed by the Huntington Choral Society,
Director, Mr. Stephen Finch

2016 Kings Park, NY **World Premiere "For the Beauty of the Earth"**
commissioned & performed by Silver Chords Chorus, Director, Mr. Carl J. Ferrara

2016 Port Jefferson, NY **World Premiere "Absolve Domine"**
commissioned and performed by tenor, Alejandro Sonzogni.

Consortium Commissions

Current Cullowhee, NC **Launch of Child Refugee Awareness Choral Consortium**
Performance of "My Name is Lamiya: Don't Call My 'Refugee'" by the Western
Carolina University Singers under the direction of Dr. Allison Thorpe. Consortium
spans 19 choirs spanning 4 countries.

Notable Festival Performance | Composer

2017 Vancouver, B.C. **"I'll Fly Away"**
selected through juried process for performance at International Society of
Contemporary Music's World New Music Days 2017

Notable Concert Performances | Composer

2017 Bay Shore, NY **Requiem Dies Magna**
performed under the direction of composer, including the premiere of the final
movement, "Pacem Relinquo Vobis".

2017 Madison, NJ **World Premiere, "The Rainy Day"**
by the Harmonium Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Anne Matlack.

2011 Setauket, NY **In Paradisum | O Vos Omnes | Kyrie**
Long Island Symphonic Choral Association, Thomas Schmidt, Conductor

Notable Performances | Conductor

- 2017 Bay Shore, NY **Requiem Dies Magna (Bussewitz-Quarm)**
Long Island Voices & Sound Symphony, Saint Peter's by-the-Sea
- 2014 Setauket, NY **Ein deutsches Requiem (Brahms)**
Long Island Voices & Sound Symphony, Saint James RCC

Invited Presentations

- 2017 Flushing, NY **"Your Choir, Their Refuge: The Strength of Choir in a Trans Student's World"**
Artistic Citizenship Symposium, Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College
- 2017 Babylon, NY **"If I Am Me, Then What Happens? Living and Thriving with a Transgender Identity"**
Babylon United Methodist Church

Notable Media

- 2017 Vancouver, B.C. **"Discover ISCM2017"** featuring **"I'll Fly Away"**
performance by musica intima
- 2017 Vancouver, B.C. **CBC Livestream: "Vancouver Chamber Choir & musica intima with guest/choeur invité : Elektra Women's Choir"** featuring **"I'll Fly Away"**
performed by musica intima
- 2017 Online Interview **"Michael Bussewitz-Quarm: On Being Yourself"**
The Portfolio Composer with host, Garrett Hope, ep. 172
- 2017 Online Interview **"Michael Bussewitz-Quarm"**
Choir Chat with host, John Hughes, Ep. 107
- 2015 Salem, OR Interview: **"Michael Bussewitz-Quarm and Requiem Dies Magna"**
Terra Fermata with host, Danielle Meyer, KMUZ
- 2014 New Bern, NC **"The Music of Michael Bussewitz-Quarm: Requiem Dies Magna"**
Public Radio East with host, Finley Woolston
- 2014 Stony Brook, NY **"Local Composer Launches Crowdfunding Project to Honor Fallen 9/11 Heroes"** Village Beacon Record
- 2010 Stony Brook, NY **"A Talent for Music - and for Giving: Sound Beach Resident is our 2010 Man of the Year in the Arts"**
Village Beacon Record

Recordings

- 2018 **Fear Not** New Jersey premiere of “**My Name is Lamiya: Don’t Call Me ‘Refugee’**”. A collage concert with strings, ranging from Monteverdi to Schoenberg, and featuring works by Abbie Betinis and John Rutter, premieres of works by Dale Trumbore and Michael Bussewitz-Quarm, and multicultural carols, feat. Harmonium Choral Society under the direction of Dr. Anne Matlack.
- 2017 **A Concert for Peace: The Music of Michael Bussewitz-Quarm**, featuring. Long Island Voices and Sound Symphony under the direction of the composer, The album features the live performance of a concert benefitting Families in Support of Treatment, and 9-1-1 Veterans, Inc.
- 2017 **There Will Come Soft Rains**
New Jersey premiere of “The Rainy Day” Eclectic settings from the Renaissance to today celebrating rain; including Elgar, Whitacre, Dilworth, and Toto and the 20th anniversary of the High School Composition Contest

Publishing, Academic, Choral, and Religious Institution Appointments

- 2015 Miller Place, NY | **MB Arts**
Launch of publishing company of the music of Michael Bussewitz-Quarm
- 2008-2015 Port Jefferson, NY | **Director of Music Ministry**
First Presbyterian Church of Port Jefferson
- 2008-2011 Setauket, NY | **Assistant Conductor**
Long Island Symphonic Choral Association
- 2001-2007 Smithtown, NY | **Director of Music Ministry**
United Methodist Church of Smithtown
- 1995-2004 Huntington Station, NY | **Music Teacher, Choral Director (tenured)**
South Huntington Schools
- 1994-1995 Bay Shore, NY | **Music Teacher (Leave Replacement)**
Bay Shore Schools

Service to the Profession

- 2008 Long Island, NY | **Piano Adjudicator**
New York School Music Association

Other Relevant Employment History

- 2000-2005 Merrick, NY | **Music Director**
The Stage
- 1986-1988 North Babylon, NY | **Music Director**
Town of Babylon Summer Theater Workshop

Professional Development

- 2018 New York, NY | **Harold Rosenbaum Institute of Conducting**
Columbia University
- 2005-2008 New York, NY | **Gregg Smith Singers Composers' Workshops**
Gregg Smith Singers
- 2001-2002 Brookville, NY | **Composition**
C.W. Post, (**with** Composer: Carl Strommen)

Professional Awards and Achievements

- 2017 Vancouver, B.C. **"I'll Fly Away"** selected through juried process for performance at
International Society of Contemporary Music's World New Music Days 2017
- 2001 Selden, NY **Gold Rating**
NYSSMA Large Ensemble Festival (Level 3 6th Grade Non-Auditioned Chorus)

Community Awards and Achievements

- 2011 Lindenhurst, NY **"Civilian of the Year: On Recognition of Your Outstanding Efforts
on Behalf of Long Island Veterans"** 911 Veterans, Inc.
- 2010 Stony Brook, NY **"Man of the Year in the Arts"**
Village Beacon Record
- 2010 Rocky Point, NY **"Man of the Year in the Arts"**
Rocky Point Lions Club

Volunteer

- 2008-2014 Long Island, NY **"Long Island Transgender Day of Remembrance"**
Music Director, Composer
- 2004-2006 **Methodist Church Regional Choral Festivals**
Producer, Conductor
- 2010 Port Jefferson, NY **"Dickens' Festival"**
Composer, Performer

Professional Affiliations (Organizations)

- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)
American Composers Forum (ACF)
American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP)
NY Choral Directors Association (NY-ACDA)
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)
Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA)

References available upon request