
WARD HOLMQUIST

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PROFESSIONAL

- 2015 - CEO, ***Holmquist Consulting LLC - Kansas City, MO***
· Creation of full spectrum digital presentation and communication media for entrepreneurs and small business, client training
· Not-for-profit consultant
- 1998 – 2015 Artistic Director, ***Lyric Opera of Kansas City - Kansas City, MO***
· Ongoing major innovations in performance quality and national prominence
· Steady and stable company growth throughout tenure—doubling of company budget
· Fiscal responsibility—no financial loss seasons
- 1995 – 1998 Assistant Professor (tenure track), ***University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA***
· Instructed 30-40 graduate and undergraduate students in all aspects of operatic study and training
· Music director for at least two full scale opera productions per year
- 1984 – 1995 Resident Conductor, ***Houston Grand Opera - Houston, TX***
· Rose to position of Resident Conductor through young artist training program, followed by rapid ascent on fulltime staff. Conducted performances or productions of over 20 operas, including main stage world premiere. Collaborated with numerous living composers.

EDUCATION

- Fulbright Grant ***Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst – Vienna, Austria***
- MM Music, ***University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign – Champaign, IL***
- BM, MM Music (Piano, Conducting), ***Oberlin Conservatory of Music – Oberlin, OH***

INTERESTS

Active practitioner with wide range of digital tools and skills, including database creation and financial analysis, coding, website creation, social media and marketing, digital photography and video creation and editing

PERSONAL

Married to Julie Ungashick Holmquist – one stepdaughter