

# Jessi Nicholson, B.Mus.Ed.(voice)

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## PROFILE

A passion for youth, the arts, education and community building! An outgoing, bright, attentive, positive, hard working, self-motivated, energetic and organized team player and leader with strong verbal and written communication and inter/intrapersonal skills. Ability to take direction and problem solve. Strong computer literacy, administrative skills and over twenty years of extensive teaching experience in rural and urban settings at elementary, middle years and secondary levels. A genuine caring for individuals as creative and imaginative human beings.

## EDUCATION

December, 2001

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION (secondary)

University of Regina

Major: Music (Voice)

Minor: Physical Education

"Basic" BC Teaching Certificate Number: L171418 (BCCT)

Professional "A" Saskatchewan Teacher's Certificate # 8006638

## TEACHING HISTORY

Fall 2010

(short term due to Mat. Leave)

### Abbotsford School District

(Asia North Poplar Fine Arts Elementary School)

- Grade 4 Teacher (2 days/week)
- Drama / Dance / Social Studies / Personal Planning
- Assisted with Spelling and Math (shared classroom)

2002 - 2004

### Regina Public/Catholic School Boards & Qu'Appelle Valley School Dist.

Teacher On Call (K-12) SASKATCHEWAN

Secondary	Elementary/Middle
Choral 10/20/30	Band 6/7/8
Band 10/20/30	Music Therapy
Drama 10/20/30	Special Education
Social Studies 10	Social Studies
Computer Science 9	Home Economics
Psychology 10/20	Science
Christian Ethics 30	Physical Education
Dance 9	Math
English 10	Computer Science
Algebra 9	Spelling / Cr. Writing

August - December, 2001

### Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School (Regina, SK)

Completion of Internship Semester (Major: Music Minor: Phys. Ed)

- Grade 9 General Music
- Grade 10-12 Independent Studies (Instrument of Choice)
- 9-12 Choral & Vocal Jazz
- Assistant Director to School Rock Band
- Assistant Music Director - Musical: Grease

Winter 2004

### West Vancouver School District – Continuing Education

Musical Theatre Instructor (Seniors)

<b>September – June 2007/2008</b>	<b>Grandview School (Vancouver School Board)</b> <b>“FAME – School of Performing Arts” – Facilitator &amp; Program Creator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students aged 9-13</li> <li>• Weekly instruction – singing/acting/dancing</li> <li>• Coordination of a final showcase performance</li> <li>• Artistic Director/Music Director/Choreographer – “The Lion King” Musical</li> </ul>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Light the Stage Musical Theatre Company</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camps / classes / workshops / school program</li> <li>• Private &amp; Group Vocal Coaching</li> </ul>
<b>2008 – 2010</b>	<b>Vancouver School Board – Artist In Residence Program</b> Music Artist (Songwriting, Singing, etc)
<b>2009 – 2010</b>	<b>Stage Craft Theatre School</b> Voice Instruction (Musical Theatre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocal Coaching (ages 12 through adult)</li> <li>• Rehearsal Piano Accompanist</li> </ul>
<b>2004 – 2010</b>	<b>UBC Children’s Performing Arts Camp “Take To the Stage”</b> Artistic Director / Camp Leader Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage &amp; mentor a team of 4 UBC Summer Students</li> <li>• Manage 20 kids / camp and communications with parents</li> <li>• Producer – Musical Theatre Production</li> </ul>
<b>2005 – 2010</b>	<b>Uncle Randy Productions - Musical Theatre Classes</b> Workshop / Camp/ Class Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan content</li> <li>• Facilitate performance based courses.</li> <li>• Manage 10-15 students aged 8-18</li> </ul>
<b>2007 - 2009</b>	<b>Arts Umbrella</b> <b>Theatre Outreach (Strathcona) and SMMO Summer Camp Instructor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co Teach theatre skills &amp; activities</li> <li>▪ 3 terms lesson planning &amp; performance</li> </ul>
<b>2005 – 2009</b>	<b>Learning Through The Arts (LTTA)</b> Lead Artist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnered as a “professional theatre, music and movement artist” with classroom teachers; grades K-8</li> <li>• Lesson Planning, Lesson Delivery</li> <li>• Planning utilizes BC Curriculum</li> <li>• Mentorship of New LTTA Artists</li> </ul>
<b>September – November 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006</b>	<b>Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society (SCES)</b> <b>Professional Provincial School Workshop Tour</b> Guest Artist & Tour Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Workshops: Musical Theatre, Sound Scape Creation and Vocal Improvisation</i></li> <li>• <i>Kindergarten through Grade 12 - Urban &amp; Rural Schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Inclusion of Community Schools and Special Needs Students</i></li> </ul>

**2000 - 2003**  
**(various contract positions)**

**Youth Association of Watson Lake (Yukon)**

Choreographer/Music Director / Facilitator/Program Coordinator

- Planning/Facilitation in music, voice, drama, improvisation, masking, clowning, fire dancing, mime, songwriting, choreography, make up

**August, 1998 - August, 1999**

**Saskatchewan Express Musical Theatre Studio**

Coordinator/Educator/Director

- Coordination of musical theatre program based on singing/acting/dancing (ages 5-19)
- General office duties (phone/fax/photocopy, etc.)
- Managed staff of seven professional instructors.
- Implementation/management of course curriculum and content
- Auditions coordinator/facilitator
- Administrative duties pertaining to fees, public relations, year end recital, general upkeep of studio
- Direction of two youth touring performing troupes

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- SOCAN
- Music BC
- Alliance For Arts & Culture
- Roundhouse Community Center
- BC College of Teachers & Teacher Qualification Services

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

Event Planning (live concerts)  
Valid Class 5 Driver's License  
Answering phones  
Filing  
Faxing  
Front Desk Reception Duties  
Typing Purchase Orders  
Typing  
Photocopying

Can operate basic sound/lighting systems  
Fluent Piano Playing (read music)  
Play some hand percussion  
Basic Recorder Skills  
Beginner knowledge woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion  
Choral Conducting/Leading Experience  
Elementary Band Conducting Experience  
Some knowledge of music software (Cubase)

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Rooted Concert Series (present & ongoing)  
Caravan World Rhythms  
Illuminares Festival (Trout Lake) 2004  
Cathedral Village Arts Festival  
City of Regina Fun Spots Program  
Globe Theatre's "Lanterns on The Lake"  
Hospitals of Regina Burn Unit Fundraiser  
International Womens' Day Celebration  
Kidz Only Clothing Fashion Show  
Regina Exhibition Association "Battle of the Bands"  
Regina Children's Festival  
Regina Folk Festival  
Regina Summer Stage  
Street Culture Kidz Project

Host/Promoter/Producer  
hospitality – VIP lounge  
vocalist – "Voxsis" vocal group  
director/choreographer/music director/performer  
musical theatre workshop facilitator – guest artist  
headlining vocalist  
headlining vocalist  
headlining vocalist  
choreographer  
adjudicator  
workshop facilitator  
vocalist (open stage)  
audition piano accompanist  
theatrical face painter

## REFERENCES

**Barbara Carter – Principal, Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts (North Poplar Campus)**

Abbotsford, BC  
604-859-3101 (school office)

**Sharon McCarthy – Past Manager, Special Events: Campus & Community Planning (UBC)**

Vancouver, BC  
604-215-1615 (home)

**Rachel Cushnie - Principal & Artistic Director: Stage Craft Theatre School**

Vancouver, BC  
604-267-7287 (office)

**Richard Berg - Artistic Director: Uncle Randy Productions**

North Van, BC  
778-773-2031 (cellular)

**Margaret Fry - Executive Director: Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society (SCES Workshop Tour)**

Regina, SK  
306-780-9494 (office)

**Megan Phillips (Personal Reference)**

Vancouver, BC  
778-689-2649 (cellular)