

## Evelyn V. Czaja

*mezzo-soprano*

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### EXPERIENCE

DORMITION OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SOMERVILLE, MA 2012-present

**Choir director and organist**

Directed music and choir during the Orthodox liturgy. Played organ during the liturgies as needed. Worked closely with Priest to revise Liturgical music to more Byzantine style. Planned concerts with the choir and larger programs with choir guests from other parishes.

EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HINGHAM, MA  
**Choir section leader-Alto** 2011-2012

Paid professional. Soloist. Helped other alto section members with music and continuity.

ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, BRAINTREE, MA  
**Organist/Choir Director** 2006-present

Organist for weddings. Directed choir on various occasions including the Hierarchal Liturgy with the Metropolitan.

PANAGIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, COHASSET, MA  
**Choir director and organist** 1998-2006

Directed music and choir during the Orthodox liturgy. Played organ during the liturgies, weddings, etc. Worked closely with Priest. The usual liturgical fare.

HINGHAM MUSIC STORE, HINGHAM, MA  
**Private voice teacher/beginning piano** 2006-present

Voice and piano instructor for the store, which offers lessons to students as part of a piano sales partnership with a local piano tuner/rebuilder. Focused on technique, repertoire and performance skills, as well as theory and yearly recitals.

THE VOICE STUDIO, HINGHAM, MA  
**Private voice teacher/theory and piano as needed** 1999-present

Proprietor, voice teacher and musical coach. Focused on technique, repertoire and performance skills. Coached musical style and working with an accompanist. Taught theory to students. Also taught beginning piano. Instituted performance workshop. Prepared students for recitals and competitions. Taught class on opera for beginners.

BOSTON CONSERVATORY, BOSTON, MA  
**Private and class voice teacher** 1998-2001

One of the founders of the Boston Conservatory satellite school in Cohasset. Taught private and class voice at this location. Focused on technique and performance skills.

MELODY MUSIC STUDIO, ELMWOOD PARK, IL  
**Private voice and piano teacher** 1986-1998

Taught private voice and beginning piano. Also taught class voice. Prepared students for recitals and competitions.

PEOPLE'S MUSIC SCHOOL, CHICAGO, IL

**Private voice teacher** 1986-1998  
Taught private voice. Prepared students for repertory classes, recitals, master classes and end-of-semester juries. Focused on vocal technique, musical style, memorization and working with an accompanist.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL, RIVER FOREST, IL

**Music director for *The Tempest*** 1993  
Coached students in voice for the high school production of Shakespeare's *Tempest*. Arranged songs for students. Did some rehearsal accompanying.

ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ELMWOOD PARK, IL

**Private voice teacher** 1986-1987  
Taught private voice after school for the high school students. Prepared them for high school musicals.

ST. JEROME PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, CHICAGO, IL

**Classroom music teacher** 1986-1987  
Taught church hymns and general songs to students K - 8. Also taught music theory to grades 6 - 8.

## ADMINISTRATION

Various admin assistant jobs including supporting parish priest, handling membership records, billing and supervising volunteers. Heavy customer contact in sales and insurance work. As admin for the Episcopal Church, occasionally planned service music and pointed psalms, and handled copyright work for music printing privileges. Also participated in events at the church including Advent and Lent recitals.

<b>Episcopal Parish of St. Johns, Hingham, MA</b>	2006-present
<b>Bay State Milling, Quincy, MA</b>	2005-2006
<b>Randstad Temp Agency, Braintree, MA</b>	2003-2005
<b>BTM Capital, Boston MA</b>	2000-2003
<b>Datapaq, Inc., Wilmington, MA</b>	1999-2000
<b>Filene's Dept. Store, Belmont, MA</b>	1998-1999
<b>Grace Episcopal Church, Oak Park, IL</b>	1990-1998
<b>Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, Oak Park, IL</b>	1986-1990
<b>Bankers Life and Casualty/Constitution Life Insurance, Chicago, IL</b>	1972-1986

## EDUCATION

**MA in Applied Vocal Pedagogy; *Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL*** 1993

**BM in Vocal Performance; *Rosary College (now Dominican University) River Forest, IL*** 1972

### *Private Study:*

**Voice: *Chicago:*** Dr. Ronald Combs (*Northeastern Il Univ*); Elsa Charlston; Eleanor Gardner; Sr. Maureen Sauer

**MA:** Emily Romney (*Longy School of Music, Cambridge*)

**Vocal Coaching:** Dr. Ronald Combs; Giulio Favario (*Lyric Opera of Chicago*); Alan Stone (*Chicago Opera Theater*)

**Piano:** Mary Almjeld Veverka; Anne Schnoebelen (*both at Rosary College, IL*)

**Choral conducting:** Dr. Rita Simo (*People's Music School, Chicago*); Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky

**Organ:** Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky (*Chicago, and Bridgewater State University, MA*)

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)  
Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)  
Piano Teachers Federation (PTF)  
Boston Singers Resources (BSR)  
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians