

PRISCILLA BLANCO

Music Director · Vocal Director · Educator

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic music director, vocal director, and educator with 15+ years of leadership experience spanning Broadway-style theatrical productions, cruise ship entertainment, and academic settings. Proven ability to lead multidisciplinary creative teams, develop original curriculum, install full-scale productions, and mentor performers of all ages. Equally skilled as a pianist, arranger, and composer — bringing both artistic vision and organizational rigor to every project.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Leadership & Direction: Vocal direction, music direction, orchestral conducting, production installation, team supervision

Education & Mentorship: Curriculum development, private/group voice instruction, university-level instruction, professional development

Music Production: Arrangement, composition, recording, click tracks, playback software, sound engineering

Performance: Pianist, accompanist, improviser, stand-up comedy, cast performer

Languages: English, Spanish (translation/interpretation for auditions)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vocal Director · [Celebrity Cruises](#) Miami, FL July 2023 – Present

- ▶ Selected as Vocal Director for Celebrity Xcel, Celebrity Cruises' newest ship (May – Dec 2025); oversaw creation and installation of 5 original production shows with the inaugural cast.
- ▶ Currently leading second-cast installation for Celebrity Xcel (June 2026), ensuring continuity of artistic standards across productions.
- ▶ Composed original music for the Celebrity Xcel Naming Ceremony opening event (November 2025).
- ▶ Created music charts for *Chapters*, a new Xcel production; notated vocal parts and completed vocal arrangements for the full show.
- ▶ Teach and coach vocalists in show repertoire; deliver consistent feedback to cast, onboard musicians, and technical teams.
- ▶ Manage shoreside rehearsal schedules and production team coordination; partner with directors and designers during new-build projects.
- ▶ Run sound, troubleshoot playback software, create arrangements and click tracks, and record in studio sessions.
- ▶ Accompany vocalist auditions and provide Spanish-language translation and interpretation.

Adjunct Lecturer in Music · [Florida International University](#) Miami, FL January 2026 – Present

- ▶ Appointed as Adjunct Lecturer for Spring 2026; served as rehearsal and production pianist for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.
- ▶ Guest accompanist for musical theater forums, departmental events, and productions.

Pianist · [Suman Entertainment](#) Miami, FL November 2023 – Present

- ▶ Perform in 5-7 piece band for high-profile productions and guest entertainers, covering a wide range of musical styles.

Guest Accompanist & Music Director · [University of Miami](#) Miami, FL September 2021 – Present

- ▶ Accompany theater classes, productions, and events; serve as music director for University productions.
- ▶ Mentor college-age students (18–23) in vocal performance and musicianship.

Music Director & Voice Coach · [MoonAmie Productions](#) Miami, FL June 2014 – May 2024

- ▶ Music directed original musical productions and short films; conducted orchestras and ensembles.
- ▶ Led conservatory voice program, teaching private and group lessons to students ages 4–60.

Music Director & Performer · [Villain Theater](#) Miami, FL June 2014 – April 2022

- ▶ Music directed improvised musical productions; produced and performed in live and online shows.
- ▶ Organized fundraising events and managed community outreach programming.

Music Director & Voice Coach · [Area Stage Company](#) Miami, FL *November 2013 – February 2017*

- ▶ Music directed professional musical productions; conducted orchestras.
- ▶ Taught private and group voice lessons to conservatory students ages 5–24.

Music Director & Voice Teacher · [Miami Children's Theater](#) Miami, FL *February 2008 – August 2013*

- ▶ Music directed full-scale musical productions and conducted orchestras.
- ▶ Managed musician budgets; taught private voice lessons to students ages 11–30.

Band Director · [Rockway Middle School](#) Miami, FL *August 2011 – May 2016*

- ▶ Directed band, orchestra, and piano programs for middle school students.
- ▶ Organized concerts, field trips, and community performances; managed budgets and fundraising.
- ▶ Built a community outreach system connecting the school's music program with local organizations.

Music Educator & Curriculum Developer · [Spark Music Initiative](#) Grand Cayman, CI *July 2010 – August 2019*

- ▶ Developed curriculum and led rehearsals for international music education program.
- ▶ Taught music technology and sound editing; headed teacher professional development workshops.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science in Music Education · [Florida International University](#) · *May 2011*

Graduate Coursework in Music Education · [Florida International University](#) · *2012–2014*

AI Fundamentals Certification · [Anthropic](#) · *2026*

SELECTED PRODUCTION CREDITS

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee — FIU Theatre **2026**

The Lightning Thief — Jerry Herman Ring Theater, U of Miami **2023**

Lucky Stiff — Jerry Herman Ring Theater, U of Miami **2023**

Cabaret — Villain Theater **2022**

Godspell — Jerry Herman Ring Theater, U of Miami **2021**

Disney Cabaret — Westchester Cultural Arts Center **2021**

Chicago — Carnival Theater, Adrienne Arsht Center **2020**

Newsies — Olympia Theater **2019**

The Hunchback of Notre Dame — Olympia Theater / Belen Jesuit Preparatory **2018**

Peter Pan — Olympia Theater **2017**

Beauty and the Beast — Olympia Theater / Area Stage Company **2016–2017**

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum — Belen Jesuit Preparatory **2017**

Willy Wonka / Cinderella / Rent — MoonAmie Productions **2015–2016**

Edges / In the Heights / 42nd Street / Legally Blonde / Gypsy / Songs for a New World — Area Stage Co. / Miami Children's Theater **2013–2014**

Violet / The Wedding Singer / Crazy for You / Sweet Charity / Aida / The Little Prince — Miami Children's Theater **2009–2012**