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MUSICIAN BIOGRAPHY



A professional educator and talented classical musician, Melinda Barrons is the Director of Music at First Methodist Church in Smith Town. The leader of the adult choir, children's choir, and junior chimes choir, Barrons is responsible for directing music at three weekly services, as well as special musical presentations throughout the calendar year. She has worked for the church since 1989.

Barrons also was a faculty member at the Julliard Conservatory of Music from 1991 to 2003. There, she taught voice and violin, and functioned as head of the Voice Department. In addition to working with students, she sat on the teacher selection committee, mentored new faculty members, collaborated in the development of program evaluation standards, and founded/directed the Julliard Conservatory Girl's Choir.

A Voice and Violin student at the University of Wisconsin, she also served as Concertmistress for the U of W Orchestra. After relocating to Colorado, Barrons studied Music Education and Vocal Performance at Denver University.

Over the years, she has attended numerous training seminars including the Alexander Technique workshops, the Augsburg Publishing workshops, and the Denver Children's Chorus Professional Choral Conducting seminars.

Ms. Barrons is an organizer, performer, and much-sought-after presenter at Methodist Church District Conferences and special seminars. In addition to her church-sponsored seminars, Barrons also offers choral workshops to private choral groups. Her high-energy, results-oriented workshops, based on *Mind, Body, and Spirit*, cover vocal technique, voice building, rhythmic integrity, problem solving, creating passion/awareness, and movement/facial expression. *"She leads with professionalism, enthusiasm, joy, and humor while working on technique and method, as well as the musical piece ... She has high standards and inspires a great vision."*

She has performed with the Denver Symphony, Colorado State Choir & Jazz Group, Opera A la Carte, and several local colleges. Additionally, Barrons volunteers as a voice adjudicator for the Association of Public Schools' Annual Voice Competition. She is a present member of the International Coaching Federation, Coaches Network, and Choral Masters' Guild. Her past affiliations include the American Choral Directors Association, the Methodist Church Musicians Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the National Association for Teachers of Singing.

In addition to training choral groups and classical musicians, Barrons is also an avid proponent of life coaching. She recently formed **Life Coaching**, where she assists women, teens, parents, and professional educators with family dynamics and communication issues. She is a Certified Quality Parenting Educator and Career Management Coach, and is working toward her Certified Life Coach credential through the Institute for Life Coach Training.

The proud mother of a 17-year-old daughter, when Barrons is not leading a workshop or directing a choir, she loves studying the Bible, taking nature walks, and drinking coffee at Peet's in Pasadena.

For more information, and a list of current workshops, please visit www.website.com.