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Worship Pastor and professional musician with 30 years of musical experience in various professional musical settings and 15 years in leading multicultural worship arts ministries

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Multi-instrumentalist
- Vocalist
- Music Directing
- Composition/Arranging
- Worship Leading
- Pastoring/Mentoring
- Worship Service Development
- Startup experience
- Sound technology
- Music Technology
- Budget management

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **Pastored team** of over 100 artists including vocalists, musicians, dancers & visual artists
- **Led & Participated** on programming teams that developed and implemented themed-services based on sermon series and scripture focus.
- **Created original works** to include worship songs and instrumental preludes. Also, restored several hymns and familiar praise songs, making them **musically relevant** again.
- **Launched** a new campus for **Willow Creek Church** in downtown Chicago.
- **Recorded and produced** several recordings including *Willow Chicago Christmas 2012* and a worship CD for Ginghamburg United Methodist Church *The Felt Need 2004*
- **Managed Budget for Worship Arts:** 250K operating budget including salary
- **Orchestrated** original arrangements to utilize the unique gifting within the community
- **Excelled at Music Technology:** Finale, Sibelius, Protools, Digital Performer, Logic, Ableton Live and Microsoft Software (Word & Excel)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WORSHIP ARTS PASTOR
WILLOW CHICAGO CHURCH

June 2011-Present
Chicago, IL

A multicultural inner-city church of 1250+ attendees.

- Responsible for the worship experience on Sunday mornings and special events
- Pastors members of the Worship Arts community
- Manages a budget of 250K for Worship Arts Community (Christmas, Easter, special musician needs, etc)
- Coordinates and leads off-campus events for the Worship Arts community to include prison worship experiences, young mothers functions and community outreach concerts.
- Mentors and pastors members of the *5 Loaves Community* (homeless outreach ministry).
- During tenure, has supervised Sunday Producer, Music Director, Vocal Director and Dance Coordinator (volunteer).

MUSIC DIRECTOR
 WILLOW CHICAGO CHURCH

June 2006-June 2011
 Chicago, IL

Church of 1050+ attendees

- Charged with creating the “Worship DNA” for Willow Creek Chicago...valuing the inclusivity of the diverse community that reflects downtown Chicago.
- Was responsible for all arrangements and musical needs for the campus (including videos and promos).
- Worked with programming team to develop and implement celebrations every Sunday.
- Grew music community to 60 committed volunteers
- Created more than 50 original arrangements of hymns, popular worship and gospel songs to accommodate the unique diverse culture that makes up Willow Chicago.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Music Director**, *Christ Cathedral Church*, Dayton Oh, June 2005 – June 2006
 - Provided leadership for vocal and instrumental teams focusing on Sunday Celebration.
- **Music Director**, *Ginghamsburg United Methodist Church*, Tipp City Oh, 1998 – June 2005
 - Provided leadership for vocal and instrumental teams for 5 weekend celebrations. Supervised Assistant Music Director and Vocal Director.
- **Professional Musician** 1995 - 1998
 - Musical instruction, band-leading and performing-professional in Ohio and abroad.
- **Professional Musician, Veteran**, *United State Air Force – Band of Flight*, Dayton Oh, 1985 – 1995
 - Enlisted, Honorably Discharged

**EDUCATION &
 TRAINING**

JAZZ PERFORMANCE MAJOR STUDENT
 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – EDWARDSVILLE, IL
GPA: 3.7/4.0 • Dean’s List

1983 - 1985
 Chicago, IL

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE – BAND OF FLIGHT
ACHIEVED RANK OF E-5 AND 7 LEVEL TRAINING

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I was baptized as a Christ Follower at the age of 15, and I knew my life had changed. As I sat there and listened to our pastor share what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ, there was a quickening in my soul. I wish I could say that from that point on I was in church every single Wednesday and Sunday, but that wasn't the case. I did attend fairly regularly, and played organ (if you want to call it playing) most of the time I attended. Even then, I felt God calling me to ministry.

I have always seen the ability to communicate through music as a gift from God. Using that talent has always been my gift back to God. I have come to realize that using my gifts and talents from God in a Christian setting allows me to not just give back to God, but to also minister to His children. It allows me to invest in God's kingdom and pass on the passion for music and unity that God has put in me.

I have been married to my wife Cheryl for 23 years. We have enjoyed doing ministry together and have two wonderful adult children, April and Brandon.