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Sandy Abel, B.A.,
M.M.

Educational Background

Master of Music, Hardin-Simmons University, December 2001
Major: Music Theory and Composition

Bachelor of Arts, Portland State University, June 1970
Major: Music Theory and Piano

Leadership Experience

Founder and Director of Albany Community Choir, Albany, TX (2004 to current).
Music director - productions include *Oliver*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Always*, *Patsy Cline*,
Cinderella, *Wizard of Oz*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*,

Additional Responsibilities

Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church – organist 1995 to present
Trinity Episcopal Church – organist 2002 to present

Teaching Experience

Music Teacher, Piruzi International School, Tehran, Iran (1978)

Private Piano Teacher, 1972 to present

Music Teacher, Nancy Smith Elementary School, Albany Junior/Senior High School,
Albany, Texas (August 1998-June 2001)

Music Instructor, Cisco Junior College (August 2001-June 2003)

Adjunct Instructor, Cisco College (August 2008 to present)

Faculty Roles

Courses Taught:

Music Theory I, II, III, & IV
Ear Training
Sight Singing
Applied Piano
Applied Voice
Music Literature
Music Fundamentals
Music Appreciation
Choir

Community Involvement:

- Albany Mainstreet Players – Collaborative pianist, actor
- Paramount Theater, Abilene, Texas – Collaborative Pianist and Rehearsal Pianist for musical theater productions including *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Honk!*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Parade*, *Jungle Book*.
- Albany Community Choir – Director and accompanist
- Fort Griffin Fandangle – Annual organ recitals and lectures on Historic Tracker Organ at Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church, Albany Texas
- UIL Solo and Ensemble – prepare students to participate in vocal and piano competition
- Old Jail Art Center – Docent and pianist
- Hardin-Simmons University – Collaborative pianist
- *Albany Nativity* – Choir director

Professional Presentations:

- *Messiah* – Albany Community Choir
- *The Seven Last Words of Christ* – Albany Community Choir
- *'s Gershwin, By George* – an Evening with George and Ira, a two piano concert with Marc Sanders
- *A Rachmaninoff Evening* – two piano concert with Marc Sanders
- *Lions, and Tigers, and Christmas, Oh My!* – two piano concert with Marc Sanders featuring Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*
- *Christmas Windows* – Albany Community Choir
- *Christmas Around the World* – Albany Community Choir
- Women Organ Composers – Lecture presented to the Study Club of Albany

Memberships and Honors:

Member Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honors Fraternity
Citizen of the Year – Albany, Texas 2006
Scriabin Society