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Larry Gerber joined the faculty of the FSU College of Music in 1979. During his career at FSU, he taught Voice, Vocal Pedagogy, Oratorio Solo Literature and was the Director of the FSU Collegians (the Men's Glee Club). He retired in 2014 as Professor of Voice and Coordinator of Voice and Opera. Gerber was the recipient of five awards for outstanding teaching from Florida State University. His students were often selected for many of the major opera training programs throughout the United States and Europe. Many of his former students enjoy highly successful teaching careers in elementary, secondary, and higher education throughout the United States. Prior to his appointment at FSU, Gerber held teaching positions at the University of Alabama and the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. He received a Bachelor of Music Education from Fort Hays Kansas State University and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Colorado State University.

After University, Gerber continued his operatic training as an Apprentice Artist with the Santa Fe Opera and as a member of the Merola Opera Program with the San Francisco Opera. After competing as a National Semi-Finalist of the Metropolitan National Auditions on the Met stage, he began an active performance schedule of opera, oratorio and recital performances in the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, Central America, and the Mideast. Included in the thirty-six operatic roles he has performed are: Don Ottavio (*Don Giovanni*), Tamino (*The Magic Flute*), Rodolfo (*La bohème*), Alfredo (*La traviata*), Count Almaviva (*Il barbiere de Siviglia*), Sam (*Susannah*), Sam Kaplan and Abraham Kaplan (*Street Scene*), and Lysander (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*). As tenor soloist, he has been heard in numerous oratorios such as: *Messiah*, *Mozart Requiem*, *The Creation*, *Elijah*, *St. John Passion*, and *St. Matthew Passion*. He has been a principal artist with The National Opera of Costa Rica, Orlando Opera, Charlotte Opera, Birmingham Civic Opera, Atlanta Symphony, Charleston Opera, Dallas Bach Society, Jacksonville Symphony, The Classical Music Seminar in Eisenstadt, Austria, Shreveport Opera, Brevard Music Center, Greenville, SC Symphony, Tallahassee Symphony, and Florida State Opera. Since his retirement at FSU, Gerber has performed the following Music Theater roles: Herr Schultz (*Cabaret*), Father (*Ragtime*), Maurice (*Beauty and the Beast*), Bellomy (*The Fantasticks*), and Jim Haller (*All Shook Up*).

Gerber has been very active with the FSU Association of Retired Faculty, serving on the Board of Directors and as President. He maintains close contact with his former colleagues at FSU. He also remains an active teacher for Florida State University International Programs. For FSU International Programs, he has taught in London, Munich, and Valencia, Spain.

Professional Experience

- 2010–present Coordinator of Voice and Opera, Florida State University.
- 2000–present Teaching Liberal Studies Music History Classes, Florida State University International Programs.
- 1979–present Professor, College of Music, Florida State University.
- 1979–present Conductor, The Florida State University Men's Glee Club.
- 1982–1999 Conductor, The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts Honors Chorus.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

The Corinne Gridley Achievement Award in recognition for Outstanding Service in Music to the Community from the Tallahassee Music Guild (2010).
FSU Undergraduate Teaching Award (2007).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

National Association of Teachers of Singing
Phi Mu Alpha
Pi Kappa Lambda

Teaching

Courses Taught

App Mus Maj, Voice (MVV1411)
App Mus Prin, Voice (MVV1311)
App Mus Prin, Voice (MVV5351)
App Mus Sec, Voice (MVV1211)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV2221)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV2321)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV2421)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV3231)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV3331)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV4241)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV4341)
Men Glee Club (Collegians) (MUN4333)
Men's Glee Club (Collegians) (MUN2330)
Men's Glee Club (Collegians) (MUN5335)
Modified Credit, All Instruments (MVO5350)
Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching (MVO6360)
Modern Popular Music (MUH2019)
Music Cultures of the World-Music of Tribal and Folk Cultures (MUH2051)
App Mus Maj, Voice (MVV5451)
App Mus Sec, Voice (MVV5251)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV4971)
Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching (MVO6260)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV3970)
Vocal Pedagogy (MVV4641)
Vocal Pedagogy in Music Education (MUE4433)
Honors Study (MUS4904)
Undergraduate Coaching All Instruments (MVO3330)
Master's Recital (Voice) (MVV5977)
Applied Music Major Voice (MVV6361)
Undergraduate Coaching All Instruments (MVO2320)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV3950)
Undergraduate Coaching, All Instruments (MVO4240)
Undergraduate Coaching, All Instruments (MVO4340)
Mens Chorus (MUN4333)
Undergrad Pedagogy (MVV4641)

Modified Credit, All Instruments (MVO5250)
Modified Credit, All Instruments (1) (MVO1310)
Modified Credit, All Instruments (1-2) (MVO1410)
Special Topics in Music (MUS3934)
Applied Music Graduate Coaching (MVO6065)
Applied Music - Voice (MVV)
Mens Chorus (MUN4333)
Undergraduate Pedagogy (MVV4641)
Music in Western Culture, 19th and 20th Centuries (MUH2012)
Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching (MVO4440)
Applied Music Principal Voice (MVV3332)
Modified Credit, All Instruments (MVO5450)
Mens Chorus (MUN4333)

Doctoral Committee Chair

Mitchell, C. A., graduate. (2007). *Audiation and the Study of Singing*.
Cowgill, J. G., graduate. (2004). *Breathing for Singers: A Comparative Analysis of Body Types and Breathing Tendencies*.

Doctoral Committee Member

Heffner, L. A., graduate. (2012).
Chenez, R. A., graduate. (2011).
Esquivel, K. L., graduate. (2009).
Garrett, M., graduate. (2009). *An Examination of Critical Thinking Skills in the High School Choral Rehearsal*.
Clements, J., graduate. (2008). *The Use of Imagery in Teaching Voice to the Twenty-first Century Student*.
Durow, P. J., graduate. (2007). *The Choral Music of James Mulholland: An Analytical Study of Style*.
Zamer, C. T., graduate. (2007). *Gene Brooks and His Contributions to the American Choral Directors Association*.
Mattingly, S. P., graduate. (2007). *Franz Schubert's Chamber Music with Guitar: A Study of the Guitar's Role in Biedermeier Vienna*.
Holdhusen, J. D., graduate. (2007). *The Gustavus Choir: A 75 Year Commitment to Musical Excellence*.
Coker, K. H., doctoral candidate.
Castle-Warr, M., doctoral student.
Leeper, B., doctoral student.

Doctoral Committee University Representative

Henson, S. M., graduate. (2012).
Morgan, J. D., graduate. (2010).
West, P. E., graduate. (2010).
Gades, A. P., doctoral candidate.
Mitak, K. N., doctoral candidate. (2012).
McCrea, C. R., doctoral student. (2010). *A Visual Time-Geographic Approach to Crime Mapping*.

Master's Committee Chair

Grizzell, J., graduate. (2008).
Dugan, C., graduate. (2007).
Hodgson, B. S., student.

Master's Committee Member

Collins, D. F., graduate. (2012).
Haas, D. S., graduate. (2012).
Rebstock, L., graduate. (2012).
Daryl, Y., graduate. (2010).
Dold, J., graduate. (2008).
Villaverde, C., graduate. (2007).
Wilson, C., graduate. (2007).
Bird, E. T., student.
Thorner, E. J., student.
Schlosberg, A., student. (2012).

Research and Original Creative Work

Performances

Invited Performances

Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2012, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. First Methodist Church-Cairo, GA: First Methodist Church-Cairo, GA.

Gerber, L. J. (Conductor/Director). (2012, April). *FSU/UF Men's Choruses in Concert* [Choral Concert]. University of Florida: Choral Department of the University of Florida.

- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2011, October). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. First United Methodist Church: First United Methodist Church - Jacksonville, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2011, August). *Durham Guest Artist Series* [Recital]. First United Methodist Church - Bainbridge, GA: First United Methodist Church.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2011, June). *Reception welcoming President and Mrs. Barron to FSU Study Center in Valencia, Spain* [Gala]. Hotel Reina Vitoria: FSU Study Center in Valencia, Spain.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, December). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Jacksonville Seminole Club: FSU Alumni Association - Jacksonville, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Conductor--The FSU Men's Glee Club). (2010, October). *Grand Reopening of Ruby Diamond Concert Hall* [Gala Concert]. Ruby Diamond Concert Hall: Florida State University College of Music.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, August). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Palm Beach Seminole Club: FSU Alumni Association - West Palm Beach, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2010, July). *Guest Artists Recital* [Recital]. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, July). *Chinese Cultural Global Organization Meeting and Auditions-Opening Ceremonies* [Concert]. International Hotel-Hong Kong: Chinese Cultural Global Organization Meeting and Auditions-Hong Kong.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, June). *Closing Ceremonies of Summer I-Valencia Study Center* [Concert]. Hotel Reina Vitoria: FSU Study Center-Valencia, Spain.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, June). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Tampa Bay Seminole Club: FSU Alumni Association - Tampa, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, June). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Pinellas County Seminole Club: FSU Alumni Association - Clearwater, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, April). *FSU Faculty Awards Ceremony* [Soloist]. FSU Conference Center: Florida State University.
- Gerber, L. J. (Conductor/Director). (2010, February). *Madeline Feickert Memorial Concert* [Choral Concert--FSU Men's Glee Club]. First Presbyterian Church - Lake City, FL: First Presbyterian Church.

- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, February). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. FSU Alumni Association--Ft. Lauderdale, FL: Brevard County Seminole Alumni Club - Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2010, February). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Miami Alumni Club: FSU Alumni Association - Miami, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Director/Conductor). (2009, April). *FSU/UF Men's Glee Clubs in Concert* [Choral Concert]. First Presbyterian Church-Lake City, FL: First Presbyterian Church-Lake City, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2009, April). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. First Methodist Church-Cairo, GA: First Methodist Church-Cairo, GA.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2008, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Moultrie, GA: Community Chorus of Moultrie, GA.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2008, November). *Dichterliebe* [Faculty Recital]. Dohnanyi Recital Hall: Florida State University.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2008, November). *Songs of Tommie Wright* [Lecture/Recital]. Seminole Country Club: Clay County Seminole Club in Jacksonville, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2008, April). *Psalm 130* [Chorus with tenor soloist]. Opperman Music Hall: Florida State University University Singers.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2008, February). *Bach and Handel Concert Series* [Concert]. First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Teatro Popular Melico Salazar: National Symphony of Costa Rica.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Parroquia de Orotina: National Symphony of Costa Rica.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. San Miquel de Santo Domingo de Heredia: National Symphony of Costa Rica.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Parroquia de San Ramón de Alajuela: National Symphony of Costa Rica.
- Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Catedral de Alajuela: National Symphony of Costa Rica.

Gerber, L. J. (Tenor Soloist). (2007, December). *Messiah* [Oratorio]. Asociación Misionera Sendero de Luz, Desamparados, San José: National Symphony of Costa Rica.

Gerber, L. J. (Soloist). (2007, June). *Soloist for Grand Opening of FSU Study Center in Valencia, Spain* [Tenor Soloist]. FSU Study Center in Valencia, Spain: Florida State University and the City of Valencia, Spain.

Service

Florida State University

FSU University Service

Committee Member, Faculty Advisory (Merit Review) (2008–present).

Committee Member, University Sabbatical Committee (2007–2009).

Coordinator, National Anthem singers for the FSU home basketball games and selected home baseball games (1990–2007).

Committee Member, Faculty Advisory (Merit Review) (1989–2004).

FSU College Service

Coordinator, Voice and Opera (2010–present).

Committee Member, College of Music Allocations Committee (2005–present).

Committee Member, School of Music Promotion and Tenure Committee (2005–present).

Faculty Advisor, AcaBelles (2003–present).

Committee Member, College of Music Scholarship Committee (2003–present).

Tenor soloist, "Sing-Along Messiah" sponsored by the Tallahassee Music Guild (1988–present).

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Voice Majors (1980–2010).

Committee Member, School of Music Promotion and Tenure Committee (1993–2003).

FSU Department Service

Committee Member, Music Theater Committee (2000–present).

Coordinator, Voice Departmental Seminars (1983–2007).

FSU Program Service

Committee Member, Committee for International Education and Programs (2000–present).

Committee Member, International Programs (1989–present).

The Profession

Juror for a Performance

Vocal Solo and Ensembles for the North State Music Performance assessment of the Florida Vocal Association. Tallahassee, FL (2008–present).

Grady-Rayam Prize in Sacred Music. Tallahassee, FL (2011).

Voice Auditions of the Chinese Cultural Global Organization Meeting. Hong Kong (2010–2011).

Florida Federation of Music Clubs "Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair" scholarship auditions. White Springs, FL (2008).

Young Artist Voice Competition of the Southern Division of MTNA. Greenville, SC: Furman University (2008).

Service to Professional Associations

Faculty Advisor, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (1996–present).

Service to Other Universities

Outside reviewer for faculty application for promotion to professor, *Ohio State University* (2012).

Outside reviewer for faculty application for promotion to professor, *University of Michigan* (2012).

Outside reviewer for faculty application for promotion to professor, *Santa Clara University* (2010).

Outside Faculty Reviewer for faculty application for tenure, *University of Florida* (2008).

Outside Faculty Reviewer for faculty application for promotion to rank of professor, *University of Illinois* (2008).

The Community

Board of Directors, Alzheimer's Project of Tallahassee (2000–present).

Choir Director, Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More (2000–present).

Director of the Men's Chorus, Good Shepherd Catholic Church (1995–present).