

Ben Bolden began his musical career at age 8 singing in an Anglican church boys' choir, and has been singing ever since, in choirs, pop/rock bands, opera and music theatre. Ben studied voice in a music degree at Carleton University, but focused more on composition, which he continued to study in a master's at UBC with Stephen Chatman. Ben is an active award-winning composer, with an opus consisting mostly of choral music but also featuring opera, orchestra, strings, wind ensemble, gamelan, pop, folk, electro-acoustic, and film scoring. Ben is experienced with music notation and digital audio software. He regularly plays piano, guitar and recorder and used to play clarinet and saxophone. As a teacher, Ben has worked with pre-school, elementary, secondary, and university students in Canada, England, and Taiwan, teaching elementary music, secondary vocal and instrumental music, and post-secondary music education. Ben is passionate about the teaching and learning of composing, community music making, and the belief that there are as many ways to be musical as there are to be beautiful.