# Chelsea Zak (she/her)

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## **Music Direction/Music Credits:**

Ranked	Music Director/Pianist	Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts
Cinderella	Associate Music Director/Keys 1	Webster University
American Idiot	Associate Music Director/Keys	New Line Theatre
Seussical Jr.	Music Director/Pianist	Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts
Anything Goes	Music Director/Conductor	Kirkwood Theatre Guild
The Spitfire Grill	Associate MD/Accordion/Piano	Webster University
Showtune (Jerry Herman Revue)	Music Director/Pianist	Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts
9 to 5: The Musical	Music Director/Keyboard 1	Vassar College
The Beautiful and Damned: In Concert	Music Director/Conductor	54 Below
Pippin: The Musical	Music Director/Keys 1/Accordion	Vassar College
Pal Joey	Music Director/Pianist	Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts
Head Over Heels	Rehearsal Pianist	Vassar College
Ruthless!: The Musical	Music Director/Pianist	Vassar College

Orchestration/Arrangement/Composition (	Credits:	
Diamond Whore (Workshop)	MD/Piano/Score Consultant	o.g. musical (Jackson Castello)
The Beautiful and Damned: In Concert	Co-Orchestrator	54 Below
Troyern (dance performance)	Composer/Orchestrator	Vassar College Dance Department
The Beautiful and Damned (Workshop)	Incidental Music/PV Copyist	o.g. musical (Brooke DiSpirito)
Monster's Manual [] History	Orchestrator	o.g. musical (S. Rosenblatt/E. Collard)
As You Like It	Ast. Composer/Arranger	Vassar College

Vassar College

### **Education:**

Safe Hands (musical workshop)

**Boston Conservatory at Berklee** - Master of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre Vocal Pedagogy (expected 2027)

Orchestrator

**Webster University -** Bachelor of Music in Music Direction for Musical Theatre **Vassar College -** Bachelor of Arts in Music and Drama, Creative Writing Correlate

# Awards:

Best Performance Award Nomination - Music Direction of a Musical - awarded by Arts for Life (St. Louis, MO)

Molly Thacher Kazan Memorial Prize - awarded by Vassar College Drama Department

Kate Chittenden Scholarship for Summer Study - awarded by Vassar College Music Department

# **Training:**

**Piano** - Adam Ben-David, Joshua Bedell, Nina Ferrigno, Thomas Sauer, Michael Horsley, Alex Crossett, William Komaiko **Voice**- Lori L'Italien, Elizabeth Ducey-Moss, Christine Howlett, Melissa Cowell, Robert Osborne, Amy London

Music Direction- Adam Ben-David, Charlie Alterman, Lisa Campbell-Albert, Jeffrey Carter, Stephen Neale, Jonathan Fuller Conducting - Jeffrey Carter, Paul Davis, Mark Shapiro, Michael Haithcock, Courtney Snyder, Jason Fettig, Scott Wiley Guitar- Joseph Ravo, Al Marino, Jordan Romanacce, Craig Howe

Composition/Songwriting- Susan Botti, Carrie Magin, Justina Shandler, Lauren Jones, Erin Zindle, Craig Howe

**Masterclasses** - Adv. Conducting Intensive (Juilliard Extension School), Fort Greene Conducting Workshop (Brooklyn, NY), SMTD Band Conducting & Pedagogy Workshop (University of Michigan)

#### Skills:

Piano (adv.), Voice (adv.), Guitar (int.), Accordion (int.), Drums (basic), Melodica, Ukulele, Digital Carillon, Sight-Reading, Conducting, Finale, Sibelius, Logic Pro X, GarageBand, Transcription, Composition, Orchestration, Arranging, Coaching, Acting (Sep. Resume), Dance, Creative Writing, NY Driver's License, Vaccinated for COVID-19, Valid U.S. Passport