



## Meet BRYANT BUSH, Music Faculty

*Interview by Susan Beck, Volunteer and FCA Alumni (Thank you Susan!)*

Fairmount Center is pleased to introduce Bryant Bush, who recently joined us as a vocal instructor after graduating from the Cleveland Institute of Music with a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance. While at CIM, he performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and he now performs with The Cleveland Opera, Cleveland Opera Theater, and The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. Bryant is originally from Mobile, Alabama.

Bryant is not only a talented vocalist, he's also an avid marching percussionist. He performed with the marching band at the University of Alabama and he now instructs the marching percussion units of West Geauga High School and Case Western University Marching Bands.

We asked Bryant a few questions to get to know him better.

*What kind of music have you listen to today for enjoyment?*

MisterWives. I found them one day on Spotify and fell in love.

*Who is one of your favorite contemporary singers?*

Bruno Mars and Nate Ruess - the lead singer of the band Fun. They have amazingly high vocal ranges and their music is diverse and a joy to sing.

*As a member of the University of Alabama's marching bands, you must have attended a lot of exciting football games. What was one of your most memorable moments from a game?*

My experiences in the Million Dollar Band were some of the best of my college career and I was lucky to have had the opportunities to perform with that group at an absolutely unprecedented time for the University of Alabama football and athletics programs. From my first game-day experience of walking out into Bryant-Denny Stadium in front of 101,000 fans, to my final performance in the Rose Bowl National Championship, where I had a close-up on live TV during halftime, it would be impossible for me to name one moment that stood out from the rest.

Have you learned to love Northeast Ohio winters?

Hahaha. Nope. I love the snow but hate the cold.

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If someone believes they have a terrible singing voice, can you teach them to sing better?

Absolutely. Singing is one of the greatest forms of personal expression. Whether you are dealing with the difficult vocal changes of adolescence, or you are an older student and have never had a formal lesson, we will work as a team to find your strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan for success.

Is there anything about Fairmount Center that has surprised you?

When I first saw Fairmount Center for the Arts, I assumed that it was primarily a school for dance and could not have been more wrong. FCA offers a wide array of instructional courses including pottery classes, acting workshops, and music lessons on woodwind, brass, strings and percussion instruments. For the middle and high school aged vocalist, FCA offers lessons with experienced and knowledgeable instructors. *(We are so glad you learned this about Fairmount Bryant!)*

Bryant Bush offers lessons in Voice as well as beginner Percussion. To register with Bryant Bush or any other programs or music lessons at Fairmount Center for the Arts, contact us at 440-338-3171 or via email at [info@fairmountcenter.org](mailto:info@fairmountcenter.org).

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