

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

Aldous Huxley, *"Music at Night"*, 1931  
*English critic & novelist (1894 - 1963)*

## Resume

**NAME:** Diane L. Schutz

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**PRESENT ADDRESS:** 220 Taylor Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

**FAMILY INFORMATION:** Married to John R. Schutz, Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts- LCPS-Retired; Children: Tammy Chaffee, Johna Harrison, Coy Roberts, Cody Roberts and Kristi Roberts Rosales: Five Grandchildren: Zane & Hendrix Chaffee, Ethan Harrison, Mari & Sydnie Rosales

**EDUCATION:** Graduated in 1971 from Nathaniel Narbonne High School in Harbor City, California;

Received BME from Texas Christian University in 1975: received MM in Choral Conducting from NMSU in 1987

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCES:

Assistant Choral Director- Lynn Jr. High, Las Cruces, NM; (1975-76)

Private Voice & Piano instructor while finishing Management Training program with JC Penney, Co. (1976-79)

Choral Director- Lynn Jr. High, Las Cruces, NM; (1979-81)

Private voice and piano instructor, Nashville, Tennessee; (1981-82)

Band Director- Gadsden Junior High (started choir program at Gadsden HS after hours); (1982-83)

Choral Director- Gadsden High School & Santa Teresa Middle School; (1983-85)

Choral Director- Las Cruces High School (during my tenure I also taught at Zia Middle School and several elementary schools until the high school became a full time program); 1985 to present (18 years)

Assistant Choral Director, New Mexico State University; 2006-present

Campus Choir Director, NMSU, Spring 2008- present

Supervise NMSU Student Teachers, 2008- present

## **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO TEACHING MUSIC:**

Developed existing choral programs: Lynn Junior High – from 50 -190 students in 6 classes;

Zia Middle School- from 21 students to over 200; LCHS from 30 students to average of 250 per year.

Began Choral Programs: Santa Teresa Middle School & Gadsden High School

(Program at HS was eliminated several years prior to my arrival)

Developed, implemented and taught Class Piano Program at Las Cruces High School

Developed, implemented and taught Choral Groups at LCHS which currently include: Men's Chorale, Women's Chorale, A Cappella Choir, Mixed Choir, Ninth Grade Choir, Women's Show Choir (Enchantment), Mixed Show Choir (Modernaires), 3 Barbershop Quartets & Vocal Jazz Ensemble (Playground Equipment) & Women's Ensemble

Formed the first music fraternity for LCHS – Tri M- to allow for music student growth & benefit

Guest conductor/clinician in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Nebraska, Arkansas, Missouri & Texas

Instructor/Accompanist for Hummingbird Music Camp & Southern Baptist New Mexico & Texas choir camps

Choral Director for Westside Baptist Church (fifteen years) & First Baptist Church, (two years) Las Cruces

Choral Director and Accompanist for area churches as a guest clinician or substitute

LCPS Mentor for new music teachers; Level three license- instructional leader- State of New Mexico

Student teacher cooperating teacher for NMSU (20+ students)

## **SPECIAL HONORS RELATED TO TEACHING MUSIC:**

LCHS Choirs invited and performed solo concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City, 2001

LCHS Choirs invited and performed solo concert at Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, 1998

Who's Who of American Teachers, Who's Who of American Music Teachers, Who's Who of American Young Women

Las Cruces Public School's Teacher of the Year Nominee (2001)

Disney American Teacher Awards Nominee (2000)

LCHS Choirs have received "1" – First division ratings for the past 18 consecutive years

LCHS Choirs have been honored as “Best in Class/Sweepstakes Winner” at competitions & festivals in NY, Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico & Colorado

“New Mexico Treasure” award recipient- New Mexico Rotary Club (2003)

LCHS “Teacher of the Year” 2004 nominee

Southwest District NMMEA “Twenty years of service award” - (1998)

New Mexico “Music Educator of the Year” 2002

New Mexico Music Educators Association “Hall of Fame” 2006

### **EXPERIENCE ON COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

**ACDA President Elect- 2008 I will take office in January 2009**

Choral Vice-President NMMEA- Three terms of office including 2001-03

Past President- Southwest District NMMEA

New Mexico Choral Director’s Association- Repertoire & Standards Chair- High School Choirs

New Mexico Choral Director’s Association- Repertoire & Standards Chair- Men’s Choirs

New Mexico Choral Director’s Association- Repertoire & Standards Chair- High School Show Choirs

Member of State All State Audition Revision Committee- 1998-99

Music Department Chairman- LCHS from 1985 to present

Member- LCPS Music Curriculum committee

Member- Getty Team for LCHS Arts Integration Award & Grant

Member- LCPS teacher center for new teacher orientation & mentoring

State of New Mexico Arts Commission- Fine Arts Grant Review Member

Music Consultant to Compton Public Schools, Compton, California

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

New Mexico Music Educator’s Association & MENC- 1978 to present

American Choral Director’s Association- National, New Mexico & Texas Memberships

Phi Delta Kappa- Honorary Education Fraternity

Texas Bandmasters association

Alpha Gamma Delta- Social Fraternity- song leader

SPEBSQSA- Member & Delegate to Harmony College in 2002

Sweet Adelines International – consultant to local chapter in Las Cruces

Dona Ana Arts Council- Member

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts & Arts in Education Partnership- member & presenter 2002-04

### **HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE HONORS:**

Narbonne High School- Music Student of the Year, (1971)

Member- Los Angeles All City Honor Choir, (1968-71)

Senior Class Delegate to National Ephebian Society for Outstanding

#### Community Service

National Honor Society

Jane Addams Service Club

Selected to attend Hidden Valley Music Camp- (1970)

High school pianist, organist and student choral director during all three high school years

Merit Scholarship to Texas Christian University (1971)

(1973) Selected- Summer Missionary for Southern Baptist Convention of Texas

Texas (1974) Selected- Summer Music Specialist for Southern Baptist Convention of

Selected- Outstanding Music Education Student Teacher- TCU (1975)

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:**

Member- Dona Ana Arts Council

Percussionist- Mesilla Valley Concert Band at NMSU (1990- present)

Accompanist for area private studio teachers, solo & ensemble band, choir & orchestra students, local churches, various rest homes/hospital/hospice and NMSU music studio students & faculty

Member of High Society Orchestra, together with Ron Thielman's 6, 7 & 9 piece bands

Arranger and writer for local advertising jingles

New Mexico Lion's Band- Chaperone and assistant to the director

Founder and Director- "Three Crosses Show Choir Competition & Festival", Las Cruces

Church choir consultant- area churches for seasonal cantatas & programs

Member of Dona Ana Church- Hill Baptist Congregation

Adjudicator- NMSU Greek Sing, whole Enchilada Fiesta Pageant, Miss America & Miss Teen pageants (NM)

Accompanist for mayor of Las Cruces, Ruben Smith during his terms of office & continuing