

Steven DeLuca
21 Madison Street
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028
201-913-6222
delucas@montclair.edu

September, 2005 - present

General Music/Choir Director

Maywood School District, Maywood Avenue School

- General music teacher for grades 4-8 at Maywood Avenue School
- Curriculum includes composition, arranging, and performance in the general classroom environment as well as within our performing groups.
- Music of various cultures including India, Japan, Ghana, Ukraine, Cuba, and Brazil is featured.
- Director of the Junior and Senior Choirs: programs include a variety of choral literature from diverse styles, cultures, and time periods. Student creativity is additionally emphasized through the use of improvisation and songwriting.

2016 – present

Adjunct Faculty, Montclair State University

- Instructor for the course *Rock and Rap as Cultural Phenomenon*, placing American music in a contextual framework historically, politically, and socially.
- Semesters comprise between 90-100 students.

2017 - present

Percussion Section and Pit Instructor

Glen Ridge Marching Band

- Served as instructor for the percussion, pit, and rhythm sections with the award winning Glen Ridge Marching Band. Shows have included *Open Wide to the World: The Music of Don Ellis*, *A Bernstein Centennial*, *Caravan: A Journey Through Big Band Jazz*

Awards have included:

- 2021 US Bands National Champions, Open Class; Group 1
- Receiving Best Percussion Section awards including the Most Valuable Section
- Receiving multiple Best Overall Music Awards
- The Marine Corps prestigious *Esperit de Corps* award

2023- Present

- Co-director of the Glen Ridge High School Jazz Band

Summer sessions, 2007- present

Instructor, Glen Ridge Summer Arts Academy

- Instruct all levels of percussion, theory, song writing/composition, vocal classes, theatre, and direct ensembles.

1986- present

Private Drum Instructor/Performing Musician/Author

- Instructor of the drum set and percussion. Many of my students have gone on to prestigious programs at schools such as the Manhattan School of Music and Berklee College of Music.
- Drummer /percussionist working in diverse situations including rock, jazz, country, musical theatre, and chamber ensembles. I have specialized in playing weddings, corporate functions, and other club dates.
- Leader of The Steve DeLuca Trio, a jazz ensemble featuring standards and jazz arrangements of rock, R&B, country, and classical repertoire.
- Author of several articles and transcriptions for the magazines *Modern Drummer* and *Tempo*, the publication of the NJMEA.
- In 2008 and 2010, performed the role of Caiaphas in the McKenzie Music Studio's/NJ Theater Workshop's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Awards and Honors

- Selected to conduct presentations at the 2015 and 2019 NJMEA Conferences.
- Maywood Board of Education Teacher of the Year, 2010

Education

Temple University
BM in Jazz Performance
December, 1989

Montclair State University
MA in Music Education
May, 2015