

Brandon Elliott | Narrative Biography

Brandon Elliott believes that music changes lives and serves as our greatest living metaphor for unity and harmony. This belief is central to his professional career as a Professor at Moorpark College and Founder of the Choral Arts Initiative.

Through the Choral Arts Initiative, he provides opportunities for composers all over the world to have their works performed, bringing stimulating choral performances to local and virtual audiences.

As the Founding Executive Director, Brandon ensures the stability and success of the organization, and as the Artistic Director, he implements the creative vision by curating performance programs, commissioning new music, sourcing new, fantastic talent, and conducting performances.

As the Director of Choral & Vocal Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Moorpark College, Brandon serves as a guide to students as they grow personally and professionally, providing mentorship, education, and encouragement.

Choosing a career in music is choosing a career with many obstacles to success. Brandon's ability to overcome these obstacles is a testament to his passion, persistence, and focused determination. He challenges preconceived ideas and explores new approaches, and in doing so, helps his students forge their own paths and reach their goals.

Learning is a partnership; whether he's conducting, teaching a class, or advising a student, Brandon engages with open and honest conversation and collaboration so everyone can all learn and grow. While he does believe music can change the world, he also believes internal systemic change must happen to address critical inefficiencies and inequalities. Brandon is driven to be part of that change, providing equitable opportunities for everyone to engage with, and be impacted by, music.

Ultimately, Brandon's vision is to inspire a more unified and harmonious world by spreading empathy and human connection through this form of artistic expression.