# Acoustic Vocal Pedagogy & Voice Physiology

Sunday, July 19 – Friday, July 24, 2015 Björklunden vid Sjön- Lawrence University Baileys Harbor, WI Kenneth Bozeman, Professor of Music Christian Herbst, Voice Scientist

This five-day seminar program provides an opportunity for you to spend a week attending engaging and thought-provoking classes in the mornings with early afternoon master classes in application, while giving you ample remaining time to explore beautiful Door County. Consider it a "vacation with a focus!"

## **Morning Sessions**

In the first morning session Christian Herbst will provide the participant with a basic understanding of voice physiology. In tutorial-style lectures and demonstrations, the elemental principles of breathing, laryngeal sound generation and sound modification in the vocal tract will be explained.

In the second morning session Kenneth Bozeman will concentrate on surveying acoustic voice pedagogy—how understanding the acoustics of voice production can dramatically improve teaching efficiency—as presented in Bozeman's book, *Practical Vocal Acoustics: Pedagogic Applications for Teachers and Singers*, Pendragon Press. There will be special emphasis on applications for both studio and choral settings. Bozeman will introduce basic elements of singing pedagogy (breathing, alignment, vocal registration) as they relate to acoustic output, but will focus on the acoustic realities with which singers are dealing, the differing acoustic circumstances facing male and female (or treble) voices, the challenges of male and female *passaggio* (transition) into the upper voice, and effective strategies for meeting those challenges.

#### **Afternoon Sessions**

A **ninety-minute master class** in the early afternoon will explore practical application of the pedagogic concepts presented in the morning sessions.

This seminar is intended for

- *voice teachers* of high school, college, or adult students, college voice majors, graduate performance or vocal pedagogy majors;
- *choral conductors* who incorporate vocal training in their rehearsals;
- *voice therapists* specializing in the rehabilitation of singers.

The remainder of the afternoons and evenings will be free for:

- discussing and processing the course information
- individual or group explorations/lessons (if requested)
- informal music making
- relaxing in this beautiful setting, and
- exploring Door County: doorcounty.com/

#### Instructors

**Kenneth Bozeman** is a professor of music at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin where he has taught since 1977. He is chair of the voice department, teaches singing, voice science and pedagogy, and offers



tutorials in voice acoustic pedagogy. For a full bio and more information about Bozeman, please visit: <a href="mailto:faculty.lawrence.edu/bozemank/">faculty.lawrence.edu/bozemank/</a>

Christian T. Herbst is an Austrian voice pedagogue and scientist (formerly Tölzer Knabenchor, Germany) who, after working as a singing teacher for more than a decade, decided to become a full-time voice researcher. Since receiving a PhD in biophysics he has written prize-winning articles in international voice journals. Having experienced voice from both a practitioner's and a scientist's point of view, Herbst is well known for the accessibility of his lectures and demonstrations of vocal physiology and acoustics. For a full bio about Herbst, please visit: <a href="https://www.christian-herbst.org">www.christian-herbst.org</a>

#### Materials

Participants will be encouraged to purchase ahead and begin reading *Practical Vocal Acoustics: Pedagogic Applications for Teachers and Singers*, Pendragon Press, by the seminar instructor, Kenneth Bozeman.

## Available for online purchase at:

Pendragon Press: <a href="http://www.pendragonpress.com/book.php?id=724">http://www.pendragonpress.com/book.php?id=724</a>

Amazon.com: search by book title

Facebook site: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/acousticvocalpedagogy">https://www.facebook.com/acousticvocalpedagogy</a>

#### Location

Björklunden (pronounced "Bee-york-lun-den) is a 425-acre estate on the Lake Michigan shore just south of Baileys Harbor in Door County, Wisconsin. A place of great beauty and serenity, the estate was bequeathed to Lawrence University in 1963 by Donald and Winifred Boynton of Highland Park, Illinois. Since 1980, Lawrence has offered a series of adult-education seminars at Björklunden.

The 37,000-square-foot lodge contains a great room, multipurpose and seminar rooms, dining room, and kitchen, as well as 22 guest rooms. There are two lakeside decks, a second-story observation deck, an elevator, and a computer lab. The entire facility has wireless Internet access and plenty of parking. This magnificent, year-round facility also allows Lawrence University, an undergraduate liberal arts college and conservatory of music, to extend its mission through weekend student-faculty retreats. These popular weekend retreats have been running since 1996. Björklunden website: <a href="https://www.lawrence.edu/s/bjorklunden">www.lawrence.edu/s/bjorklunden</a>

## Fees/Deposits (Gratuities not included.)

Current undergraduate/graduate students and recent alumni (graduated between 2005 and 2014) from any college are invited to attend the seminar at half price. Please indicate on your registration form if this discount applies.

	Participant	Student/Alumnus Participant	Family Member
Resident, double occupancy	\$800	\$400	\$300/adult (age 18+)
			\$125/child
Resident, single occupancy	\$1,055	\$528	N/A
Commuter	\$385	\$193	N/A

**Residents**: Fee covers seminar tuition, some supplies, lodging and all meals from Sunday dinner to Friday lunch (with the exception of Wednesday dinner).

**Commuters**: Fee covers seminar tuition, some supplies, Sunday dinner and all lunches. Other meals charged separately.



**Family Members**: Fee covers lodging and all meals from Sunday dinner to Friday lunch (with the exception of Wednesday dinner). Guest rooms can accommodate 1 - 6 people; each family member will be charged the rate above regardless of how many family members occupy the same room.

**Deposit**: A deposit of \$300/resident, \$100/commuter, and \$50/family member is due upon registering. The balance is due 30 days prior to arrival. Participants may also choose to pay in full upon registering. Accommodations/Amenities

- Participants may arrive after 4 p.m. on Sunday; seminar officially begins with dinner on Sunday evening and ends Friday after lunch.
- Participants are invited to sample local cuisine on Wednesday evening, our chef's night off. Dinner will not be served at the lodge Wednesday evening. Please plan accordingly.
- Guest rooms are dorm-room style with two twin beds on the floor and other beds in bunk bed formation. With advance notice, families can be accommodated. Guest rooms that can house up to 6 people are limited.
- Handicap-accessible rooms are available please note this on the registration form if need be.
- All guest rooms have a private bathroom and contain linens (sheets, blankets, quilts, pillows, bath towels, hand towels, face cloths, and a bath mat), bars of soap, desks, dressers, and nightstands.
- All guest rooms contain their own A/C wall unit to use in the summer and thermostat-controlled in-floor heating system for the fall and winter.
- In the spirit of a relaxed stay, there are no radios, televisions, telephones, hairdryers, microwaves or refrigerators in the bedrooms. It is suggested that in addition to bringing class materials, guests should bring their own alarm clock and hair dryer as well as personal toiletries, medications, a flashlight and good walking shoes for out on the trails.
- There are no laundry facilities on site please pack enough clothing to last the entire week.
- An iron, ironing board and rubber tub mats are available upon request.
- Wireless internet access is available throughout the lodge; there is also a computer lab with a number of PCs available. No username or password is required for use of the computers or wireless network.
- There are six music practice rooms, each with a piano or keyboard, available for guests to use upstairs. We ask that guests be respectful of others who may be staying in the surrounding bedrooms and to not practice during normal sleeping hours.
- Cell phone reception is very poor at Björklunden most people have luck getting reception outside the lodge in the parking lot. There is a landline on site guests can use if need be.
- Smoking is not permitted in any building on the estate. Smoking is only allowed outside of the northern entrance of the main lodge.
- There is an elevator.
- Participants should consider bringing a raincoat and a sweater or jacket the lodge will be comfortable, but it is often cool in Baileys Harbor, even when the rest of the peninsula is warm.
- Casual dress is acceptable everywhere in Door County; guests should not feel they must "dress for dinner" while they are here.
- The bar here is strictly BYOB, whether it be alcohol or soft drinks. A soda machine is located on the first floor under the north stairway by the dining room  $-50\phi$  per can.
- Fresh coffee is out each morning by about 6:30.
- Guests should let Björklunden know, in advance if possible, if they have any special dietary needs or food allergies (e.g. vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose intolerant, allergic to shellfish, etc.). Our chef will do his best to accommodate individuals with dietary restrictions.

## To Register

Fill out and mail or fax in the enclosed registration form. Registration closes Monday, June 8, 2015.



## Questions

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