

RITCHIE LAVENE

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Instructional Objectives:

My coaching style is run through the following filter, looking for the performers:

Love of the music
Love of how we make the music
Love and empathy for each other
Love and empathy for anyone they sing for.

I try to always teach in “Discovery” mode creating opportunity and motivation to become empowered by their own musicianship. It’s a wholistic approach that takes all factors into account for the best possible delivery of the music and the story!

Instructional Qualifications:

Assistant Director From 1986-1995 (BHS)
Front Line Director From 1995-Present (BHS)
Director of The Jersey Sound, 2022-Present
Certified Director both BHS and SAI
Certified Performance Judge since 2000
Served Faculty for many District Schools across the country.

Chorus Affiliation(s): Jersey Sound Chorus (Rehearsal Night: Wednesdays)

Quartet Affiliation:

Active Quartet Singer and M-AD Finalist since 2000
11 Time Division Champion
Currently singing with Supertonic, Current Prelims Finalist

Distance Willing to Travel: 0 – 75 Miles

COACHING SKILLS:

SOUND

Blend and balance
Dynamic planning
Harmony Accuracy and Tuning
Posture/Breathing
PVI’s
Riser Placement
Unit Sound
Using vocal skills to enhance expression, emotion, storytelling
Using Vocal Textures
Vocal Production

OPEN

Emceeing
Entertainment Themes

GROUP MANAGEMENT

Chorus Mediation
Effective Communication

MUSIC

Music selection
Music Theory

VISUAL COMMUNICATION:

Characterization
Stagecraft
Musicality

Physical Expression
Audience Connection
Creativity