

# Refiye Tappan (she/her)

## Employment History

### **Associate Music Director**

HAIR (dir. Matthew Gardiner)

Signature Theatre, Arlington, VA *March 2024-present*

### **Music Director, Pianist-Conductor**

Desperate Measures (dir. Allison Arkell Stockman)

Constellation Theatre Company, D.C. *Jan-March 2024*

### **Music Director, Pianist, Arranger, Actor**

A Merry Christmas Carol (MD) (dir. Tom Quaintance) *Nov-Dec 2023*

Fiddler On The Roof (AMD and Conductor) (dir. Gary John La Rosa) *Sept-Oct 2023*

Henry V (MD) (dir. Tom Quaintance) *March-April 2023*

A Merry Little Christmas Carol (MD) (dir. Tom Quaintance) *Nov-Dec 2022*

Under the Big Top Gala (MD) *June 2022*

A Merry Little Christmas Carol (MD) (dir. Tom Quaintance) *Nov-Dec 2021*

Virginia Stage Company, Wells Theatre, Norfolk, VA *2021-2023*

### **Collaborative Pianist to Music Theatre Department**

Christopher Newport University, VA *2023-present*

### **Associate Music Director, Keys 2, Conductor Sub**

Seussical (dir. Ashleigh King, Kurt Boehm)

The Keegan Theatre, D.C. *June-July 2023*

### **Assistant Music Director to John McDaniel**

Max & Willy's Last Laugh (Reading) (dir. Sheryl Kaller)

Mosaic Theatre Company, Washington D.C. *Jan 2023*

### **Music Director And Keys 1-Conductor**

Once On This Island (dir. Angelisa Gillyard)

*(HHA nomination - Outstanding Music Direction 2023)*

Constellation Theatre Company, D.C. *Sept-Nov 2022*

### **Music Director and Pianist**

Always...Patsy Cline (dir. Matt Conner) *July 2022*

Audrey - A New Musical Reading (dir. Laura Connors Hull) *Sept 2021*

Hallelujah Cabaret *Aug 2021*

Always...Patsy Cline (dir. Matt Conner) *May-June 2021*

George's White-Hot Scandals Cabaret *Feb 2021*

A Best Friend's Christmas Reunion Cabaret *Dec 2020*

New York, New Nora Cabaret *July 2019*

On Air - a new musical (dir. Matt Conner) *Apr-May 2019*

*(HHA nomination - Outstanding Music Direction 2020)*

Creative Cauldron, Falls Church, VA *2019-2022*

### **Vocal (Opera) and Musical Theatre Departments' Accompanist and Instructor**

The Governor's School of the Arts, Norfolk, VA *2021-present*

### **Rehearsal Pianist**

The Sound of Music (dir. Matt Kunkel)

Virginia Arts Festival & Virginia Opera, Harrison Opera House, Norfolk, VA *Apr 2022*

## **Associate Music Director**

Fountain of You (dir. Chloe Treat)

Open Jar Studios, NYC, NY/Zeiders American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach, VA *Feb-Apr 2022*

## **Vocal Department Collaborative Pianist and Coach**

Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Georgetown, D.C. *2020-2021*

## **Accompanist/Co-Director**

Gaithersburg Chorus, MD *2019-2021*

## **Rehearsal Pianist for 'Don Pasquale'**

Hub Opera Ensemble, Hagerstown, MD *2019*

## **Pianist and Music Director - 'When I Grow Up - A Musical Cabaret'**

Toulouse Lautrec, London, UK *2018*

## **Vocal and Instrumental Accompanist; Recital Coach; Piano Teacher**

The Sixth Form College (ages 16-18), Farnborough, Hampshire, UK *2015-2018*

## **Education**

### **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)**

- **Secondary Music Education**

University of Reading, UK *2011-2012*

### **BMus(Hons) Music - Piano Performance (First Class)**

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, UK *2004-2008*

### **Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music in Piano Performance (LRSM) - Distinction 2008**

**Diploma of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (DipABRSM) in Piano Performance 2003**

## **Further Experience and Training**

### **Online Music Theatre Workshops and Directory Member**

Maestra Music *2020-current*

### **Company Member and Secretary of the Board**

SOLEdarity - Tap Dance Company *2018-2021*

### **Pianists for Dance training**

Birmingham Royal Ballet *2006*

## **Achievements and Performances**

- TheatreWashington **Helen Hayes Award Nominee** for Outstanding Musical Direction *2020 & 2023*
- Broadway World nominee - Best Music Direction for 'Merry Little Christmas Carol' *2022*
- Reviews in the **Washington Post**: 'Desperate Measures' 2/24/2024, 'Once On This Island' 10/24/2022 and 'On Air' 5/15/2019
- Performed as the soloist in Ravel's Concerto in G with **Solent Symphony Orchestra 2011**
- Solo performance at a Chopin **Anniversary Concert in Meudon, Paris 2010**
- Accompanied Hampshire Young Musicians for a performance to Andrew Lloyd Webber *2010*
- '**Boulez in Birmingham**' Festival - Performed a solo in a masterclass with Pierre Boulez *2008*
- Appeared in Classical Music Magazine and described in the **Birmingham Post** as: "...a deeply thoughtful pianist..." *2008*

**-References on request-**