

# JONATHAN F. CASAS

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*Impacting the World Through the Heart of Worship*



## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Helped to develop and lead successful and thriving Worship Teams/Choirs for 9 different churches.
- Co-produced a television program extending into 27 cities, airing 3 times weekly to roughly 1.5 million people.
- Designed and oversaw construction on the following: the building and installation of multiple state of the art sound booths and sound systems, children's nursery and cry room, platforms and stages, and security systems.
- Started [www.RockinWorship.com](http://www.RockinWorship.com): a website dedicated to helping worship leaders and their churches and [www.EverybodyPraiseHim.ning.com](http://www.EverybodyPraiseHim.ning.com) (non-active), a social networking site specifically for Worship Leaders and Worship Ministers/Workers. I also built East Hills Community Church's second website [www.EastHillsCC.org](http://www.EastHillsCC.org), Calvary Christian School's website, [www.CalvaryChristianSchoolofHollister.com](http://www.CalvaryChristianSchoolofHollister.com), Hillside Church's first website: [www.HillsideCares.org](http://www.HillsideCares.org) and New Life Community Church's first website: [www.NewLifeCommunity.net](http://www.NewLifeCommunity.net).
- Created Policy and Procedures Manuals: *Provisional Care Ministry, Children's Ministry, Choral Ministry, Worship Ministry, Television Ministry, Hospital Visitation Ministry, Homebound Ministry, Newcomers Ministry, Audio/Visual Ministry.*
- Created new ministry opportunities: *Worship Administrator, Children's Choir Director, Special Music General, Head of Audio/Visual Department, Musician's Fellowship Coordinator, Worship Leader's Assistants, Photographers Ministry, Benevolence Network Ministry, Volunteer Television Editors, Duplication Ministry, Construction, Web Volunteers.*
- Oversaw/administrated and cared for ministries that were non-music related: *Christian School Ministries, Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Karate Ministry, Youth Ministries, Care Ministries, Newcomers Ministries, Welcome Ministries, Usher Ministries, Hospital Ministries, Television Ministries, City Ministerial Fellowship, Photographers Ministries, Discipleship Ministries, and Homebound Ministries.*
- Performed at City of Antioch Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (two years).
- Member of the Calvary Christian School Marketing Task Force Team.
- Sound technician and MC for West Coast's Largest Easter Egg Hunt: 30,000 attendees & 150,000 Easter eggs.
- Wrote articles for monthly newsletter and Good News Newspaper (distributed to over 300,000 homes).
- Performer, director, and sound technician for Contra Costa Ministerial Fellowship.
- Ordained through Church On The Rock International from Mountain View Christian Center.
- Youth Group Leader/Wedding Coordinator & Performer.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Worship Pastor/Web Administrator/Choir Director:** East Hills Church, Oakland Hills, CA (2012-Current).

**Interim Worship Leader:** First Baptist Church, Watsonville, CA (2011-2012).

**Interim Worship Leader/Web Developer:** New Life Community Church, Prunedale, CA (2011-2014).

**Worship Team/Choir Member/Web Consultant:** First Presbyterian Church, Hollister, CA (2011).

**Worship Pastor/Administrative Pastor/Web Administrator:** Hillside Church, Antioch, CA (2007-2011).

**Worship Pastor/Choir Director/Television Producer:** Mountain View Christian Center, Brentwood, CA (2004-2006).

**Worship Leader/Visitation Pastor/Organist/Choir (Piano) Accompanist:** Antioch United Methodist Church on The Rock, Antioch, CA (2001-2004).

**Interim Worship Leader:** Foothills Community Church, Pasadena, CA (1996-1999).

**Worship Leader/Youth Group Leader:** Agape Christian Church, Pasadena, CA (1994-2001).

## **RELATED SKILLS**

- Skilled vocalist, keyboardist, conductor, and sound/video technician.
- Reader/arranger/writer of musical compositions.
- Adept in a diversity of music styles.
- Piano teacher/guitar teacher.
- Web programming capabilities.
- Author/editor of ministry articles.
- Participant in online worship classes and forums.
- Shepherd of multiple music ministries.
- Able to train and develop small and large groups of vocalists/musicians.
- Able to coordinate, design, and execute construction projects.
- Up to date on latest worship leading techniques and equipment.
- Dependable, flexible, and able to multi-task.
- Strong leadership and organizational abilities.
- Trustworthy, dependable, committed, faithful, enthusiastic, passionate.

## **PERSONAL STRENGTHS**

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| • Team builder/developer | • Passionate         | • Pastoring spirit                                     |
| • Vision                 | • Encourager         | • Self motivator/starter                               |
| • Integrity              | • Humble             | • Sensitive to congregation and their particular needs |
| • Strong faith           | • Teachable          | • Healthy family life                                  |
| • Leads by example       | • Worshiper at heart |  |

## **WORSHIP STYLE AND EXPERIENCE**

- My personal preference of worship style is a blend of contemporary and older praise songs and traditional hymns.
- Primary Instrument: Piano, Keyboard, and Vocal. Secondary Instrument: Guitar.
- Skilled in many media facets such as: Worship presentations/software, web development, graphic design, video editing, musical/sound equipment, computer software, etc.

## **EDUCATION**

**Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA** (1994-1996 and 2009-2012)

**Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.** Related Courses: Oratorio Choir, Vocal Lessons, Jazz Piano, Male Chorale, Recital, Music Theory I and II, Music Fundamentals, Introduction to Biblical Literature, and Public Communication, Dynamics of Group Behavior, Introduction to Research Methodology, Organizational Analysis, The Bible and Business Ethics, Managerial Communication, Cultural Influences in the Workplace.

**Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA** (1998-2000)

Related Courses: Classical Guitar, Guitar Techniques, Concert Choir, Concert Music, Harmony, Musicianship, Keyboard Skills, and Jazz Piano Lessons.

**ADDITIONAL MUSICAL EXPERIENCE**

- Volunteer & Web Developer for various Churches (2011-2014)
- Sound Analyzer/Technician for various Churches and Schools (2007-2010)
- Musical Coordinator/Director of the musical review Broadway Heat (2009)
- Worship Conference Coordinator (2008-2009)
- Special Events Choral Coordinator (2007-2009)
- Music Coordinator, Sound Technician, and Guest Performer for the monthly Contra Costa County Ministers Conference (2004-2006)
- Piano Accompanist for Les Miserablés (2004)
- Guest Performer and Sound Technician of Antioch Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (2003-2004)
- Private Music Instructor for Individual Guitar and Piano Lessons (1998-2005)
- Azusa Pacific University Male Choral (including two summer tours) (1994-1996)
- Played lead role in 7 musicals and plays (1983-1992)
- Participated in the 100th Anniversary of the Restoration of Carnegie Hall, and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mozart's Death (1991)
- Santa Cruz High School Chamber Singers (1991-1992)
- Lead Vocalist and Keyboardist for Local Band (1991-1994)
- Youngest Member of Santa Cruz Choral (1987-1992)
- Disc Jockey for Scotts Valley Sports Center (1986-1991)
- San Lorenzo Valley High School Choir and Marching Band (1988-1989)
- Baymonte Christian School Choir and Jazz Bands (1983-1987)
- Started Special Music Ministry - Singing and Playing Piano at Various Churches (1982)
- Played Saxophone in School Band (1984-1990)
- Private Classical Piano Lessons (1980-1991)

**AWARDS AND HONORS****Vocals**

- Scotts Valley Exchange Club Search For Talent Competition, 1st Place (1991)
- California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs Search For Talent Competition, Santa Clara, 3rd Place (1991)
- California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs Search For Talent Competition, Irvine, 3rd Place (1989)
- Exchange Clubs Search For Talent Competition, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Felton, 1st Place (1989)
- Talent Competition, Seaside, 1st Place (1988)

**Piano**

- Sight-read and performed Les Miserablés (2004)
- Selected to attend auditions performance class at Marriott's Great America by Kings Productions (1991)
- Music Teachers Association of California, 1st Place Scholarship Winner (1986, 1987, 1988)
- Participated in Master Piano Classes (1988-1989)
- Awarded Music Scholarship by Music Teachers of California (1987)

**Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) Speech Meets**

- 1st or 2nd place 9 years in a row (1981-1990)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Married since 1998 to my high school sweetheart, Anandi, and we have 3 children. My wife has a heart for kids and has been involved in children and youth ministries for over 15 years. She has great administrative, research, and organizational skills. She is also the Office Admin, Children's Ministry Coordinator, and Bookkeeper for East Hills Community Church and was the Children's Coordinator for Hillside Church.