

David Kasunic

David Kasunic graduated valedictorian of the Freedom Area High School class of 1985. During his junior high and high school career, he was actively involved in many activities, but garnered the spotlight in band, chorus and the high school musicals. He dazzled many audiences throughout the years with his musical performances.

After graduating from FAHS, David attended Amherst College, graduating in 1989 with highest honors and a degree in music. After two post-graduate years at Amherst as the graduate associate in music and as assistant conductor of the College choral society, Kasunic attended Princeton University, where he received his masters and doctoral degrees in musicology, writing a dissertation on piano music and singing in 19th-century France.

While completing his dissertation, Kasunic taught courses for the Princeton Department of Music and Princeton Writing Program. From 2004 to 2008, he was a visiting professor in the Music Department at Haverford College, during which time we was also asked by Princeton to give a public lecture series on opera, as part of the University's community outreach program.



In 2008, he accepted a position as a professor of music history in the Music Department of Occidental College, in Los Angeles. In 2009, he has been invited to give scholarly presentations in New York, Philadelphia, Dublin, and Warsaw.

Recognized as an authority on the music of Frederic Chopin, Kasunic has published several articles on the topic, and is currently writing a book on music and landscape in 19th-century France.