

LeMoyne-Owen College

Magician Spotlight

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Meet Gavin E. Wigginson, Voice Instructor

Mr. Gavin E. Wigginson, tenor, joined the Magician family in 2015 as an instructor of voice. He is also the Director of the LOC Concert Choir.

In August 2021, Mr. Wigginson was named as Executive Director of PRIZM Ensemble where he oversees operations and strategic direction for the nonprofit organization that elevates chamber



music education opportunities for youth in the Greater Memphis area. He previously served as a fellowship coach for Memphis Music Initiative, where he partnered with dozens of local schools and managed a team of music fellows who taught more than 750 students each semester. In October, Mr. Wigginson will present ***Negro Spiritual Reflections: Allowing The Words Of Our Ancestors To Guide Activism*** at the Los Angeles Philharmonic's YOLA National Symposium. Gavin holds a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music in vocal performance from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Mr. Wigginson enjoys his role of voice instructor, especially working with students that are passionate about seeking transformative opportunities. He says, "LOC students are always willing to step up and take on challenges to benefit the community."

It's not all about music for Mr. Wigginson. He and his wife have 3 children that keep them busy going on adventures and burning energy creatively. His family maintains a vegetable garden, planting and harvesting whatever is in season. Gavin is also passionate about authentic BBQ. He creates his own *MagicDust* seasoning and charcoal and this past summer he built a custom pit to cook a whole hog. He also enjoys watching period dramas and states that *Downton Abbey* is a personal favorite

When asked, Mr. Wigginson said "Never Quit!" is the best and most impactful advice he ever received. This pearl of wisdom was given to him by his high school choir director, Dr. Lulah M. Hedgeman, who he credits with equipping him and others with the skills needed to navigate a challenging world.

The LOC Magician Family proudly salutes and congratulates Mr. Wigginson on his recent accomplishments.

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