

Rishi Wagle is elated to be serving as the inaugural Executive Director for the Deanery School of Music. He is a musician, theatremaker, educator, and administrator based in Eastern Iowa. As a musician, he has proficiency as a pianist, vocalist, violinist, conductor, composer, orchestrator, and music producer/recording engineer.

Mr. Wagle was born and raised in the Quad Cities, and in his music education in the Quad Cities area, had many accolades. As a pianist, he won every division of the Quad Cities Annual Baroque Festival, he won every category of the District IMTA Piano Competition, two categories of the State IMTA piano competition, and received his Grand Cup in the FMTA Music Festival. He also was the 2016 recipient of the Quad City Symphony Concerto Competition YSO Prize, playing the 1st Movement of Mendelssohn's 1st Piano Concerto with the Quad City Youth Symphony. As a vocalist, he was a 3-Year Iowa All-State Chorus member, was a member of the 2016 NC/ACDA Honor Choir, and received the "Best of Center" distinction at the 2015 Annual Quad Cities Solo/Ensemble festival. As a violinist, he was a member of every ensemble in the Quad City Youth Ensembles program, and was a member of the SEISTA and ISTA Honors Orchestras.

He graduated from Brown University with his degree in Music. While a student at Brown, he had a versatile career in music and theatre. Some of his greatest accomplishments from this career include co-founding a South Asian fusion style a cappella group called Brown Barsaat, orchestrating and music directing an original full-length musical entitled *ABCD* (American-Born Confused Desi), composing the score for an original mini-musical entitled *Dialed Up*, directing an immersive horror play called *The Hanging Girl*, and serving as the manager/technical director of Alumnae Hall, a performing arts venue for theatre and dance.

In addition to his work as the Executive Director of The Deanery School of Music, he also serves as the Lighting/Sound Coordinator for Pleasant Valley High School and is completing his Master of Arts in Music Education at the University of Iowa.