



Anne Palmer, DMA (She/Her/Hers)

Through her own experience as a professional singer navigating profound hearing loss and two subsequent cochlear implant surgeries, Dr. Anne Palmer knows first-hand that with the right tools, all things are possible.

Anne recently joined the ArtsKC team as Director of Audience Development Practice where she works closely with arts and community organizations to build programs that engage and expand new, diverse audiences. Her work is rooted in the belief that the arts should be inclusive, welcoming, and accessible to all.

Prior to joining ArtsKC, Anne spent 25 years serving in various aspects of higher education. With a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Arizona State University, she spent the majority of her career as a professional singer and university faculty member. As she navigated her way through profound hearing loss and intense rehabilitation, she turned to what she knew best – musical training. That process not only allowed her to rewire neural pathways to accurately perceive pitch, it provided her with the deep foundation of her work. Anne believes that we are our own greatest teachers, and as a certified coach she finds great joy in helping others discover that for themselves.

Whether through program development, coaching, workshops, or speaking engagements, Anne is passionate about creating spaces where people can grow. She is a purpose-driven leader who has a knack for finding joy and humor in just about any project she engages with.