

Dr. Catherine Tlusty has been teaching private voice lessons for thirty years. Many of her students have found success in musical theatre, music therapy, teaching, and in the singing/songwriting/recording industry. Currently, Dr. Tlusty has an independent voice studio in Moorhead, MN, where her students can be seen and heard on stages throughout Fargo-Moorhead's thriving theatre community! She teaches singers from middle school ages up to adults in classical, musical theatre, and contemporary commercial music genres.

In addition to her independent voice studio, Dr. Tlusty has taught voice lessons and voice-related courses, music theory, and music history at North Dakota State University, University of North Dakota, and South Dakota State University. This academic year (2023-24), she is teaching singer's diction courses at NDSU.

Dr. Tlusty is the President of the North Dakota chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing. She earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice Performance from North Dakota State University; a Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy from University of North Dakota; and her Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education/Voice from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. In 2020, she received a Certificate of Distinction in Vocal Pedagogy (Musical Theatre) from Boston Conservatory at Berklee.

Her main area of research and pedagogical interest is the changing voice of adolescent male and female singers—a topic about which she has given presentations at various state, regional, and national conferences.

She lives in Moorhead, MN with her daughter Elisabeth (a former IMC Musical Theatre camper) and her 75-pound Lab mix, Blanche.