

Meetze, a '92 graduate of Grand Blanc, is currently a music teacher at the Science Skills Center High School for gifted children in Brooklyn, New York.

After completing a master's of music in orchestral conducting from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, Meetze began a career that has taken him through orchestras and symphonies as a conductor and student. However, Meetze said, this is only the beginning of a long career in learning, teaching and conducting music.

"Music is lifelong until the day you drop dead. I want to die on the podium," he said.

Meetze said his most recent accomplishments include serving on the faculty of the International Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv, Israel and he has just finished leading performances for the New Jersey's Stony Hill Players' production of Moore's "The Ballad of Baby Doe."

Though Meetze's career has taken him to London, Italy, Israel, Germany and a permanent residency in New York, he said his roots will always be in the Flint area.