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EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate in Violin Performance **2022-2023**

Portland State University, School of Music & Theater, Portland, OR
Professor: Dr. Tomás Cotik, Lisa Marsh

Master of Music in Violin Performance **2018**

Western Michigan University, School of Music, Kalamazoo, MI
Professor: Renata Artman Knific

Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance **2015**

University of the Pacific, Conservatory of Music, Stockton, CA
Professors: Igor Veligan, Dr. Ann Miller

Masterclasses **2011 to 2023**

Solo

Espen Lillenslatten
Tomás Cotik
Anne Akiko Meyers
Jennifer Frautschi
Chee-Yun Kim
Elena Urioste
Dylana Jenson

Chamber

Tacaks Quartet
Martinu Quartet
Kontras Quartet
Merling Trio
Trio Settecento
Rachel Barton Pine
Spektral Quartet

Other Private Instruction

Moni Simeonov	Summer 2021
Clara Takarabe	2016 to 2018
Chee-Yun Kim	Summer 2015
Eugene Chukhlov	Summer 2015
Zino Bogachek	Summer 2014
Nancy Hill	2010 to 2011
Nancy Wood	2004 to 2010

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

Portland State University

Hamilton Cheifetz Endowed Scholarship **2023**

Graduate Music Laurels Scholarship **2022**

David E. Wedge Scholarship **2022**

Western Michigan University	
Graduate Assistantship, Violin and String Area	2015 to 2018
Kalamazoo Symphony Artist Scholar	2015 to 2018
Professional Development	
TAU Professional Development Grant	2018
Williamson Foundation Grant	2018
University of the Pacific	
Excellence in Performance Scholarship	2011 to 2015
Pacific Music Grant	2011 to 2015
President's Scholarship	2011 to 2015
Academic Achievement Scholarship	2011 to 2015

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Symphony Orchestra

Portland State University (Concertmaster) - Portland, OR	2023
Oregon East Symphony - Pendleton, Or	2023 to present
InConcert Sierra Orchestra - Grass Valley, CA	2020 to present
Auburn Symphony - Auburn, CA	2020 to present
Apollo Festival Orchestra - Oregon House, CA	2014 to present
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra - Kalamazoo, MI	2015 to 2019
Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra (Concertmaster) - Kalamazoo, MI	2018
Southwest Michigan Symphony - St. Joseph, MI	2016 to 2018
Holland Symphony Orchestra - Holland, MI	2015 to 2018

Pit Orchestra: Theater, Opera

Portland State University (Concertmaster) - Portland, OR	2023
<i>Magic Flute</i> (2023)	
Sierra Stages Theater (Concertmaster) - Nevada City, CA	2021 to 2022
<i>Bridges of Madison County</i> (2021), <i>Sweeney Todd</i> (2022)	
University of the Pacific (First and Second Violin) - Stockton, CA	2011 to 2014
<i>Three Penny Opera</i> (2011), <i>Magic Flute</i> (2012), <i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i> (2013), <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i> (2014)	

Solo Recital Series

Portland State University Student Recital Series	2023
<i>Performed works by Bach, Mozart, and Brahms</i>	
Pioneer United Methodist Church Concert Series, Auburn, CA	2016 to 2019
<i>Performed works by Bach, Wieniawski, Bartok, Shostakovich, Halvorsen</i>	
Western Michigan University Student Recital Series	2015 to 2018
<i>Performed works by Bach, Wieniawski, Bruch, Shostakovich, Falla</i>	
University of the Pacific Student Recital Series	2011 to 2015
<i>Performed works by Prokofiev, Bach, Mozart, Chopin</i>	

Collaborative Performances

Pioneer United Methodist Church Concert Series, Auburn, CA	2015 to 2019
Collaborative Recital with Kaden Hurst, Mandolin <i>Performed works by Bach, Bartok, Paganini, and Wieniawski</i>	
Collaborative Recital with Janos Csontos, Saxophone / Richard Fiallos, Piano <i>Performed works by Bach</i>	
Collaborative Recital with Darren Chan, Viola / Jason Jeffery, Piano <i>Performed works by Bach, Mozart, Halvorsen</i>	
Motherlode Friends of Music Concert Series, Sutter Creek Theater, Sutter Creek, CA	2019
<i>Performed works by Bach with Makena Clark, Violin / Jason Jeffery, Piano</i>	
Western Michigan University Department of Dance, Kalamazoo, MI	2015 to 2018
Bryce Dessner, "Aheym" Bach Sonata No. 1 in G minor for Solo Violin	

Cross-Genre

Indie, Gospel, Jazz

Current Personae Chamber Orchestra (Concertmaster), Stockton, CA	2011 to present
JoDavi Orchestra (Concertmaster), Stockton, CA	2015 to present
Last Gasp Collective, Kalamazoo, MI	2017-2018
Della Sandoli, "Seasons" Album	2013

Folk, Celtic

Mandolin Fiddle Duo at Nectar Cafe, Auburn CA	2015
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Music Festivals

Classical

Alba Music Festival, Young Artist Program, Alba, Italy	Summer 2019
SD Festival, Berkeley, CA	Summer 2018
Opera Maya Festival, Cancun and Valladolid, Mexico	Summer 2016
Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, String Program, Hawaii, HI	Summer 2015
Zephyr Chamber Music Camp, Villa Sinfonia, Zephyr Point, CA	Summers of 2007 to 2013

Traditional

Alasdair Fraser Sierra Scottish Fiddle Camp	Summers of 2008 to 2010, 2018 to present
Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School	Summer 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current

Zoe Schlüssel Music Studio - Violin, Beginning Viola and Cello	2008 to present
Auburn and Stockton, CA, Kalamazoo, MI, Portland, OR, Virtual	
Teach students ages 5-87, levels beginner to advanced	
Manage finances, scheduling, communication with parents and students as self-run business	
Develop custom curriculums to fit student's needs and goals	

Teach a custom curriculum based in Classical, Celtic Fiddle, and Popular Music

Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Portland, OR **2022 to present**

Teaching private violin and viola lessons
Leading group violin classes
Preparing students for orchestra auditions
Technique coaching for orchestra students

**Alasdair Fraser Sierra Fiddle Camp, Musician Health Specialist,
Nevada City, CA** **2022 to present**

Running private sessions for all instruments and levels
Taught fiddle tunes, traditional music techniques
Directed classes on ergonomics for musicians

**Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School,
Volunteer Musician Health Specialist, Santa Cruz, CA** **2022 to present**

Offering private sessions in ergonomics for musicians for all instruments and levels
Assisting campers with tune learning and traditional techniques

Previous

Vesper School of Music, Portland, OR **2022 to 2023**

Teach students of all ages and levels, beginners to advanced
Communicate with parents and students about goals and progress
Prepare students for recitals and community performances
Participate in community outreach

Yuba River Charter School, String Specialist, Grass Valley, CA **2018 to 2021**

Taught classroom strings to grades 4-8
Prepared classes for twice-annual assembly and event performances
Taught after school group strings class
Taught Music Appreciation class for grades 6-8
Organized student ensembles to perform at donor events

Crescendo Academy of Music, Kalamazoo, MI **2017 to 2018**

Taught violin to students ages 6-70
Worked with scheduling and student progress with parents
Developed curriculums to fit student's needs
Taught a Suzuki -based curriculum with Scottish fiddle and folk music supplemental material
Coached chamber music
Prepared violin students and chamber ensembles for recitals and community performances

**Western Michigan University Violin Graduate Assistant
Kalamazoo, MI** **2015 to 2018**

Taught Undergraduate applied violin lessons
Prepared undergraduate violin students for jury exams and recitals
Ran violin studio classes when Professor Knific was absent
Assisted all violin students with questions or concerns on and off the instrument

Sierra Strings Orchestra, Teaching Assistant **2004 to 2008**
Assisted with younger students, played musical games
Assisted and accompanied for group rehearsals and performances

Camps and Workshops

Sierra Strings Fiddle Workshop, Instructor and Leader **2019 to present**
Solo lead a two day fiddle workshop for classical violin and cello students
Prepare a concert for the parents at the end of the workshop
Teach students about traditional fiddle music, how to listen, play, feel, and learn

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Music

Western Michigan University Violin Graduate Assistant **2015 to 2018**
Kalamazoo, MI
Organized and coordinated coachings with Kontras Quartet, the quartet in residence
Managed all String Area administrative tasks including sending emails and reminders, creating schedules and calendar of events, getting programs to students, faculty, and administration
Ran all violin studio events when Professor Knific was absent

University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music **2011 to 2015**
Conservatory Student Representative, Stockton CA
Assistant to the Dean and Assistant Dean of the Conservatory
Organized and ran Conservatory auditions annually
Gave tours, presentations, and assistance to prospective students
Communicated with prospective students and their families

Association of California Symphony Orchestras, Summer Conference Intern **2014**
Assisted in organizing and running summer ACSO Conference
Conversed with donors, managed payments and paperwork, created and managed scheduling

Other

Awakening Shakti, Project Manager, Grass Valley, CA **2018 to 2019**
Organized the team and managed active projects
Communicated with employees in multiple states through multiple mediums
Assisted CEO with organization, documentation, and implementation of new systems

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Yuba River Charter School, After School String Program **2018-2021**

Founded an after school program for inspired students who couldn't afford private lessons
Taught students about ensemble playing, music theory, and music appreciation
Prepared students for community performances, fundraising performances, and recitals

InConcert Sierra Education Committee, Founding Member & Committee Member **2018-2020**
Grass Valley, CA

Spearheading musical community outreach to schools and retirement homes
Producing student recitals for talented music students in the surrounding areas
Creating scholarship opportunities for local music students

Zoe Schlüssel Music Studio, Recital in the Park, Nevada City, CA **2019**

Brought my studio recital to a local park to encourage community engagement
Performed publicly with my students to spread knowledge of and interest in music

Live Oak Waldorf School, Alumni Recital Series, Applegate, CA **2015**

Returned to our middle school with Alumnus Kaden Hurst to perform a collaborative recital
Used this recital to inspire and educate the current students and parents
Brought high level classical and celtic music to a small community

EXTRACURRICULAR & VOLUNTEER

Fontana Chamber Music, Usher, Kalamazoo, MI	2015 to 2018
Western Michigan University Swim and Dive Team	2016 to 2018
Bear River Swim Association, USA Year Round Club Swim	2008-2011

REFERENCES

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