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Education

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, College of Music
Doctor of Musical Arts

Memphis, TN
August 2020 - Present

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, College of Music
Master of Music

Flagstaff, AZ
August 2016 - May 2018
August 2012 - May 2016

Bachelor of Music

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anchorage Music Academy

Anchorage, AK

Owner and Primary Instructor

6/2020 – Present

- Created and currently maintain a small music school with a base of 50 students and three teachers, teaching subjects including musical performance, music theory, composition, and music history.
- Work closely with several local homeschool programs to provide funding to students and families in need.
- Maintain strong relationships with parents and students and hold regular meetings to discuss progress, practice habits, scheduling, payment/paperwork, and upcoming performances.
- Organize recitals and performance opportunities for our students throughout Anchorage.

AWAIC (Abused Women's Aid in Crisis)

Anchorage, AK

Development Administrative Assistant

6/2021 – 7/2022

- Received and reported an annual average of \$1,200,000 in donations.
- Responsible for donor communications and appeals.
- Contributed to the agency's marketing efforts and created new data templates that were implemented into future training manuals.

Alaska School of Music

Anchorage, AK

Lead Instructor

9/2018 – 5/2020

- Met with students every week for one-on-one private in person and online instruction, prepared lesson plans and individualized approaches for each student.
- Compose, arrange, and select music as necessary to facilitate a pedagogic and personalized approach.

INTERN/ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

University of Memphis

Flagstaff, AZ

Instructor – Graduate Assistant

8/2022 - Present

- Manage university classes of up to 60 students at various undergraduate levels for classes including Intro to Music, Beginning Guitar, Guitar Ensemble, and Private Lessons.
- Plan lectures and integrate cultural topics into the general curriculum. Create authoritative teaching material using modern technology and musical instruments/equipment.

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

Graduate Assistant

8/2014 - 5/2018

- Prepared lesson plans and music education objectives for students in four different levels of ensemble classes, coached all guitar ensembles twice a week, organized all ensemble events, and adjudicated juries for undergraduates and auditions for incoming freshman.
- Bolstered the NAU guitar program by creating a new organization sponsoring repertoire from new composers which attracted new students to NAU and the guitar program.

SKILLS/INTERESTS

Computer Software: Python, Pro Tools, Vegas Pro Movie Studio, Finale, SharePoint, Photoshop, and Bloomerang.

Leadership/Volunteer Work: President of the University of Memphis Classical Guitar Society (2020), Founder/Former President of NAU Classical Guitar Organization, Volunteer Music Performer at Montessori School of Flagstaff (2017), Volunteer Data Entry at the Food Bank of Alaska (2012).

Awards: Lily Afshar Scholarship Award (2020, 2022), Great Alaska Talent Competition Winner (2021), NAU Concerto Competition Grand Prize Winner (2018), Richard Lewis Anderson Memorial Scholarship Award (2013-2017).

Performance Experience

NAU Classical Guitar Ensemble Concert - Flagstaff, AZ	2012 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performed as a featured soloist and ensemble member• Organized and hosted annual recitals for NAU Classical Guitar Ensemble (2014-2018)• Arranged repertoire for guitar ensembles (2014-2018)• Conducted guitar ensembles of various sizes (2014-2018)	
Anchorage Market & Festival - Anchorage, AK	2012 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequent main stage solo performances during summer seasons	
NAU Honors Student Recital - Flagstaff, AZ	2013 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual recital by invitation only for exceptional music students• Selected to perform each year during my undergraduate and graduate career	
NAU School of Music Awards Ceremony - Flagstaff, AZ	2013 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School of Music award recipients are invited to perform at this annual ceremony	
Junior Solo Recital - Flagstaff, AZ	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on guitar repertoire in combination with other instruments	
NAU Mariachi - Flagstaff, AZ	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concert for 2015 NAU Orientation, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey in attendance• Private Party performance for NAU President Rita Cheng	
Senior Solo Recital - Flagstaff, AZ	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on solo repertoire with special attention paid to the music of Manuel Ponce	
Beyond Our Borders: A Benefit Concert for Syrian Relief - Anchorage, AK	2017
GCI Communication Corp. Employee Christmas Party - Anchorage, AK	2017
Tour with Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and Arizona Guitar Orchestra in Arizona	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful audition for the AGO• Worked closely with the AGO and Grammy Award winning composer, Andrew York• Performed and rehearsed with the LAGQ• Performed in Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson• Debuted and promoted a new piece by Andrew York	
2017-2018 NAU Concerto Competition - Flagstaff, AZ	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grand Prize Winner	
Tour in Sonora, Mexico – Obregon, Alamosa, and Hermosillo	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performed in Obregon, Alamosa, and Hermosillo• Debuted and promoted a new piece by Mexican composer, Andrea Karam• Conducted interviews with locals to discuss the guitar music of Manuel Ponce• The successful tour garnered positive reviews in two newspapers and an invitation to perform in the 2019 Alamosa Music Festival	

The Montessori Charter School of Flagstaff Annual Picnic - Flagstaff, AZ	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed for over 200 children and parents • Highlighted differences between electric and acoustic guitar • Promoted NAU's music program 	
NAU Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert - Flagstaff, AZ	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed Manuel Ponce's Concerto del Sur with the NAU Chamber Orchestra as a featured soloist 	
NAU Dance Marathon Festival - Flagstaff, AZ	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit concert for the Music and Arts program at NAU 	
Arizona State University for the Composer Exchange Concert - Phoenix, AZ	2018
Graduate Lecture Recital: Pedagogy in Classical Guitar Literature - Flagstaff, AZ	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the pedagogic value in certain guitar repertoire • Focus on the evolution of guitar repertoire from the 18th century to today 	
Alaska School of Music Annual Recital	2019 - 2020
Anchorage Classical Guitar Society Christmas Concert – Anchorage, AK	2019 – 2021
Anchorage Classical Guitar Society Concert Series – Anchorage, AK	2020
Memphis International Guitar Competition – Memphis, TN	2021
Virtual Masterclass with William Kanengiser – Memphis, TN	2021
Anchorage Classical Guitar Society Concert Series – Anchorage, AK	2022
Masterclass with Stephen Goss – Memphis, TN	2023