

Jonathan Villegas

Conductor, Musician, Educator

Experienced musician with a background in Conducting, Cello, Music Education & Music Administration.



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Skills

Music Education

Proficient in Cello, Violin,
Viola, Double Bass

Conducting experience in:
Orchestra, Bands, Opera



Work History

2023-08 –
Current

Assistant Conductor of the Peabody Preparatory Wind Band

Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland
Attended and led weekly rehearsals with the intermediate-advanced-level concert band, comprised of students from elementary to high school age.

2023-08 –
Current

Student Conductor of the Peabody Wind Ensemble

Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland
Attended weekly rehearsals, lessons, and seminars with the Wind Conducting studio of Dr. Harlan Parker.

2023-08 -
Current

Operations Intern at the Peabody Preparatory

Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland

- Assisting with handling departmental logistics such as scheduling, marketing research, production assistant, and oversees staff members to support efficient business operations.

2023-05 -
2023-08

Front of House Manager

Chamber Music Northwest, Portland, OR

- Maintained positive team environment by encouraging teamwork and respect in accordance with company mission.
- Managed day-to-day FOH operations to drive quality, standards, and exceed patrons expectations.

**2021-09 -
2023-06**

Assistant Conductor & Graduate Teaching Assistant

*Portland State University Orchestra & Bands,
Portland, OR*

- Conducted the PSU Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, University Band, Chamber Winds, and Opera for weekly rehearsals and monthly performances throughout the school year.
- Supervised ensemble rehearsals and led successful concerts to performing sizes up to 100 musicians on a weekly basis.

**2022-01 -
2023-01**

Graduate Assistant Director

Portland State Wind Symphony, Portland, OR

- Directed and programmed music from BIPOC and underrepresented composers alongside Wind Ensemble and Concert Band standards of literature, to collegiate-level winds and brass students.
- Performed Cello & Double Bass when not conducting on the podium, both as a section musician and soloist.

**2022-08 -
2023-06**

Substitute Conductor

*Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Portland,
OR*

- Followed classroom plans left by class teacher to continue student education and reinforce core concepts.
- Kept students on-task with proactive behavior modification and positive reinforcement strategies.
- Kept accurate and current academic assignments and attendance records to maintain file compliance.
- Repeatedly requested as substitute teacher by teachers based on excellent past referrals and trusted performance.

**2022-01 -
2023-01**

Assistant Conductor

Portland State University Opera, Portland, OR
Attended and led regularly scheduled rehearsals and run-through dress rehearsals with two full casts of collegiate and professional singers for a production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

**2012-01 -
Current**

Cello & Instrumental Strings Instructor

Private Lessons, Baltimore, MD

- Proficient in teaching Cello, Violin, Viola, Double Bass.
- Taught at a variety of ensemble sizes and playing-levels, both at the collegiate supervision and through professional musical institutions.

**2021-08 -
2023-06**

Conductor to the PSU University Band

Portland State University, Portland, OR

- Used strong communication skills to direct multiple musicians in rehearsals and performances.
- Coordinated special events and seasonal performances.
- Developed and implemented recruitment plans to maintain full group of performers.
- Conducted several concert band literature standards in rehearsals and performances and programmed music from underrepresented composers for a variety of concerts.

**2021-11 -
2023-06**

Music Theory Instructor

Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland, OR

- Applied various musical and visual teaching aids to minimize learning gaps and instruct and motivate students.
- Evaluated and revised lesson plans and course content to achieve student-centered learning.
- Tracked student progress, frequently checking in with struggling students and identifying root causes of problems with diction, rhythm, and sight-singing.

- Improved student performance by defining clear goals and communicating performance metrics.

**2021-08 -
2023-06**

Community Outreach Coordinator

SECO, Portland State University, Portland, OR

- Connected local historically underrepresented organizations with free performances by students sponsored through Portland State University donors.
- Performed in solo cello lecture-recitals to disadvantaged community spaces such as retirement communities and non-profit organizations.
- Acted as main point of contact between management, clinical staffs and external community.

**2022-05 -
2022-08**

Production Team Member & Stage Manager

Chamber Music Northwest, Portland, OR

- Managed and collaborated with personnel of Marketing, Production, Box Office, and Front-of-House departments, by implementing company policies, procedures, work rules, and disciplinary action.
- Regularly assisted with needs of international artists during the 5-week festival at rehearsals, concerts, outreach events, and community concerts.

**2021-08 -
2023-06**

Principal Cellist at the PSU Symphony Orchestra

Portland State University, Portland, OR

- Performed as a soloist and section leader while regularly leading sectionals and rehearsals.

**2020-01 -
2023-06**

Violin/Cello Teacher

Oregon Music Academy, Beaverton, OR

- Used technology in classrooms to integrate technology and multimedia tools into art lessons and enhance student learning.

- Scheduled shows and performances in accordance with the school calendar.
- Taught from the Suzuki method and from the Essential Elements pedagogical books.

**2019-08 -
2021-07**

Cellist

Rogue Valley Symphony, Ashland, CA

- Performed in several sponsored concerts ranging from opera arias, youth concerto competitions, and symphonic works.

**2019-01 -
2021-01**

Section Cellist

North State Symphony, Chico, CA

- Performed in a variety of masterworks concerts ranging from concerti, symphonies, ballets, and sponsored art shows.

**2020-01 -
2021-07**

Private Lessons Instructor

Park Place Music Academy, Eugene, OR

Taught weekly online music lessons through Zoom for Cello, Violin, and Viola students ages 4-17.

**2019-05 -
2019-08**

Service Supervisor

Albertons, Eugene, OR

- Worked as a Front-End Manager where duties included: training new employees, hosting daily operations meetings, implemented corporate policies, managed high-volume inventory, and reduced shrink. Worked as cashier, closing manager on duty, groceries stocker, and Dairy/Frozen support as needed.

**2018-05 -
2018-12**

Server, Assistant Manager-in-Training

Olive Garden, Huntsville, TX

- Trained new employees in Food/Service Handling, Bartending, Host and Server duties.

**2018-02 -
2017-10**

Grocery Manager, Assistant Manager-in-Training

Natural Grocers, Denver, CO

- Managed the grocery, pet food, and general merchandising department through multi-weekly inventory restocking and ordering. Reduced shrink of inventory, created weekly corporate end caps and displays. Opening and Closing Manager, with duties such as training new employees and working as a cashier.

**2012-08 -
2017-05**

Huntsville Youth Orchestra Conductor

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

- Led rehearsals and performances to students aged 4-18 of beginner to intermediate playing abilities on stringed instruments using the Suzuki method.

**2012-08 -
2018-05**

Private Lessons Instructor

Huntsville Youth Orchestra, Huntsville, TX

- Instructed students in music theory and composition in classroom environment.
- Provided instruction in one-on-one environment for students of varied age and ability.
- Met with parents and guardians to discuss expectations for instruction, lesson scheduling and other practical matters.

**2015-08 -
2019-05**

Cellist

Conroe Symphony Orchestra, Conroe, TX

- Performed as a section cellist in a wide-range of musical settings and genres ranging from rock music to holiday standards.

**2013-08 -
2019-05**

Strings Coordinator

The Woodlands Baptist Church, The Woodlands, TX

- Recruited local and professional musicians throughout the Greater Houston area in a variety of spiritually-led concerts.
- Connected local organizations to musicians at various collegiate institutions to establish long-term relationships to continue hiring students for events.

2016-06 -
2018-05

Cellist

Woodlands Symphony Orchestra, The Woodlands, TX

- Accompanied vocalists or instrumental soloists.

2011-06 -
2013-12

Night-Shift Manager

Denny's Diner, Houston, TX

- Evening manager on duty responsible for cooking as needed, and other duties such as hosting, serving food, and weekend manager responsibilities.

2012-09 -
2019-05

Personnel Manager

Spring Baptist Church, Spring, TX

- Established a roster of local professional and collegiate musicians to be hired as needed for a variety of musical events.

2008-03 -
2014-08

Cello & Violin Teacher

Hung Q. Tran's Music Institute, Houston, TX

- Supervised students during rehearsals to provide direction to students during practice sessions.
- Sponsored student fine arts clubs, attending club meetings and events.
- Attended department meetings and collaborated with other fine arts teachers.



Education

2023-08 -
2025-05

Masters in Music: Wind Conducting

Peabody Conservatory At Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD

2021-08 -
2023-06

Masters in Music: Cello Performance

Portland State University - Portland, OR

2012-08 -
2017-05

Bachelor of Music (B.M: Cello Performance

Sam Houston State University - Huntsville, TX



Additional Information

- AWARDS/COMPETITIONS
- Artistic Excellence Scholarship Recipient – Peabody Conservatory 2023
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship to Portland State University 2021 - 2023
- Bloomfield and Miller Conducting Scholarship 2022
- Presenter at the 2022 Northwest College Music Society Conference 2022
- Western Band International Clinic Intercollegiate Honor Band Musician, Cello 2022
- Recipient of Sam Houston State University School of Music Scholarship 2012-2017
- Semi-Finalist of Sam Houston State University Concerto Competition 2015-2016