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CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

Wind Ensemble Conductor to the Music Advancement Program at Juilliard	2025 - Present
Training Ensemble Wind Leader at the New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestra	2023 - Present
Assistant Artistic Director at D.C.'s Different Drummers	2023 - Present
Wind Ensembles Director at Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids	2023 - Present
Graduate Student Assistant Conductor to the Peabody Wind Ensemble	2023 - Present
Assistant Conductor to the Peabody Preparatory Wind Band	2023
Assistant Conductor to the Portland State University Orchestra	2021 – 2023
Assistant Conductor to the Portland State University Opera	2022 – 2023
Graduate Assistant Director to the Portland State Wind Ensemble	2022 – 2023
Substitute Conductor to the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra (Portland, OR)	2022 – 2023
Conductor to the Portland State University Band	2021 - 2023
Conductor to the Huntsville Youth Orchestra	2012 - 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor for the Peabody Innovation and Music Academy (PIMA)	2023 - Present
Low-Strings Teaching Artist for OrchKids at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra	2023 - Present
Peabody Preparatory, Operations Intern	2023 - Present
Private Lessons Instructor, Cello, Violin, Viola, Double Bass (TX, OR, CO, MD)	2012 - Present
Chamber Music Northwest, Front of House Manager	2023
Chamber Music Northwest, Production Team Member & Stage Manager	2022
String Ensemble Community Outreach Coordinator, Portland State University	2021 - 2023
Portland Youth Philharmonic, Music Theory Instructor, (Portland, OR)	2021 - 2023
Oregon Music Academy, Violin/Cello Teacher	2020 - 2023
Park Place Music Academy, Cello Lessons Instructor (Eugene, OR)	2020 - 2021
Strings Coordinator, The Woodlands Baptist Church	2013 - 2019
Personnel Manager, Spring Baptist Church	2012 - 2019
Huntsville Youth Orchestra, Conductor/Private Lessons/Instructor	2012 - 2018

EDUCATION

Masters in Wind Conducting, Peabody Conservatory	May 2025
Masters in Cello Performance, Portland State University	June 2023
Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Cello Performance, Sam Houston State University	May 2017

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Greenspring Valley Symphony Orchestra, Section Cellist, (Baltimore, MD)	2023 - Present
Portland State Orchestra, Principal Cellist, (Portland, OR)	2021 - 2023
Portland State Wind Symphony, Principal Double Bassist/Soloist	2022 - 2023
Queer Opera, Cellist	2022 - 2023
North State Symphony, Section Cellist (Chico, CA)	2019 - 2021
Rogue Valley Symphony, Section Cellist (Ashland, OR)	2019 - 2021
Conroe Symphony Orchestra, Principal Cellist (Conroe, TX)	2015 - 2019
Woodlands Symphony Orchestra, Section Cellist (The Woodlands, TX)	2016 - 2018
Sam Houston State University, Principal Cellist (Huntsville, TX)	2012 - 2017
SHSU Baroque Ensemble, Founding Member	2015 - 2017
SHSU Jazz Ensemble, Cellist	2014 - 2016

MAJOR TEACHERS

Conductors – Dr. Harlan Parker, Ken Selden, Pat Vandehey, Jake Sustaita, Jonathan Pasternack, Giancarlo Castro D'Adonna, Zachary Garrettin, Tristan Weitkamp, Coty Raven Morris
Cello — Hamilton Cheifetz, Anne Ridlington

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