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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA May 2021
Master of Music, GPA: 4.0
Major: Clarinet Performance

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI June 2019
Bachelor of Music, GPA: 3.68, *cum laude*
Major: Clarinet Performance, Minors: Pedagogy and Psychology

SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Orchestra

Principal & Eb (sub), Lacrosse Symphony Orchestra – LaCrosse, WI	March 2025 – Present
2nd (sub), Kenosha Symphony – Kenosha, WI	May 2026
Bass (sub), Symphony847 – Vernon Hills, IL	May 2026
2nd (sub), Wisconsin Philharmonic – Waukesha, WI	April 2025 & 2026
Bass (sub), Lake County Symphony Orchestra – Lake Forest, IL	December 2025
Principal (sub), Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra – Chicago, IL	November 2025
Bass (sub), Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra – Chicago, IL	October 2025
E ♭ (sub), LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra – LaPorte, IN	October 2024
2nd, Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra – Lansdale, PA	February 2022 – May 2024
2nd/Bass, Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey – Voorhees, NJ	July 2021 – June 2023
Co-Principal, Center City Chamber Orchestra – Philadelphia, PA	September 2022 – May 2023
2nd (sub), Drexel Symphony Orchestra – Philadelphia, PA	January 2022 – June 2022
2nd (sub), Main Line Symphony Orchestra – Wayne, PA	April 2022
2nd (sub), Orchestra Concordia – Radnor, PA	April 2022
Principal (sub), Abington Symphony Orchestra – Abington, PA	September 2021
Co-Principal, Temple University Symphony Orchestra – Philadelphia, PA	September 2019 – April 2021
Rotating/E ♭, Lawrence University Symphony Orchestra – Appleton, WI	September 2016 –
May 2019	
Principal (sub), Oshkosh Chamber Singers – Oshkosh, WI	May 2018
Co-Principal, Waukesha Area Chamber Orchestra – Waukesha, WI	June 2012 – 2016
Rotating/E ♭ /Bass, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra	September 2012 – July 2015
Principal & 2nd, Milwaukee Symphony Side-by-Side – Milwaukee, WI	May 2015, 2014
Principal, Wisconsin State Music Association Honors Orchestra – Madison, WI	October 2014
2nd, Wisconsin Philharmonic Side-by-Side – Waukesha, WI	May 2014

Music Festivals

Rotating Section, National Music Festival - Chesterton, MD	June 2022
Bass/Rotating Section, Monteux School & Music Festival – Hancock, ME	June 2019 – July 2019
Co-principal, Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy – B.C, Canada	June 2016

Wind Band

Principal/Eb, Wheaton Municipal Band – Wheaton, IL	Summer 2025 – Present
Rotating, Chicago Wind Symphony – Chicago, IL	January 2025 – Present
1st, Philadelphia Wind Symphony – Philadelphia, PA	September 2022 – June 2024
1st, Doylestown Symphonic Winds – Doylestown, PA	Summers 2021 – 2023
Rotating (sub), Pennsylvania Symphonic Winds – Wayne, PA	November 2022
Rotating, Temple University Wind Symphony – Philadelphia, PA	September 2019 – April 2021
E ♭ /Co-principal, Lawrence University Wind Ensemble – Appleton, WI	September 2015 – May 2019
E ♭ , President’s Park Concert, Lawrence University Wind Ensemble – Appleton, WI	June 201
Principal & 1st, National Band Association All-State Band – Wisconsin Rapids, WI	January 2015, 2014
Rotating, Waukesha Civic Band Summer – Waukesha, WI	Summer 2014
Principal, University of Milwaukee Honor Band – Milwaukee, WI	November 2013
Principal & 3rd, Wisconsin State Music Association Honors Band – Madison, WI	October 2013, 2012

Chamber

Eb, Chicago Clarinet Ensemble – Chicago, IL	September 2024 – Present
Mahler Chamber Players, Temple University – Philadelphia, PA	September 2020 – December 2020
Wind Quintet, Temple University – Philadelphia, PA	September 2019 – December 2019
Clarinet, Violin, Piano Trio – Appleton, WI	September 2017 – June 2019
Wind Trio – Appleton, WI	March 2018 – May 2019
Pierrot Ensembles – Appleton, WI	April 2018, May 2019
Lawrence University New Music Ensemble – Appleton, WI	September 2019 – March 2019
SLAAM Reed Quintet – Appleton, WI	March 2017 – March 2019
E ♭ /Rotating, Clarinet Ensemble, Lawrence University – Appleton, WI	January 2016 – November 2018

Recitals

Solo, Richland Mus. Assoc – Richland Ctr., WI	Feb 2026	Solo – Philadelphia, PA	April 2021
Solo – Waukesha, WI	August 2025	Wind Trio – Appleton, WI	January 2020
Solo – Waukesha, WI	August 2024	Clarinet, Violin, Piano – Appleton, WI	June 2019
Solo – Waukesha, WI	July 2023	Solo – Appleton, WI	April 2019
Solo – Waukesha, WI	August 2022	Reed Quintet (“SLAAM”) – Appleton, WI	April 2019

Solo – Appleton, WI

November 2017

Pit Orchestras

Reed II, Music Theater Works, <i>West Side Story</i> – Skokie, IL	August 2026
Principal, Fox Valley Opera, <i>Bluebeard's Castle</i> – St. Charles, IL	November 2025
Reed 3, Temple Adath Israel, <i>The Little Mermaid</i> – Philadelphia, PA	February 2024
2nd, Wroe Musical Enterprises, Madeleine Peyroux & Judy Collins – Glendale, PA	April 2023
Principal, Temple University Opera Orchestra, <i>Die Fledermaus</i> – Philadelphia, PA	February 2021
Principal, ENA Ensemble, <i>Ganymede 5.0</i> – Philadelphia, PA	September 2021

Virtual Projects

Bass, Temple University New Music Ensemble – Philadelphia, PA	September 2020 – February 2021
Duet, Beethoven @ 250 – Virtual	September 2020
Pierrot Ensemble, ZFestival – Virtual	June 2020 – July 2020
1st Clarinet, Clarinet Quartet – Virtual	July 2020

Workshops & Readings

Band New Music Reading, Midwest Convention – Chicago, IL	December 2025
Principal, New Music Reading Workshop (Kaplan & Virgen) – Philadelphia, PA	August 2023
Principal, Temple University Wind Band Conducting Workshop – Philadelphia, PA	June 2023
Rotating, Temple University Repertory Orchestra – Philadelphia, PA	October 2019 – November 2021

Misc. Gigs

2nd, South Suburban College Symphony Orchestra – Chicago, IL	May 2026
Principal, American Bandmasters Association, Wheaton Municipal Band – Chicago, IL	March 2026
Principal, Presidential Convocation Northeastern Illinois University – Chicago, IL	September 2024
Various, Student Recitals – Appleton, WI & Philadelphia, PA	February 2016 – April 2020
Eb/Co-principal, Lawrence University Presto Tours – Minneapolis, MN & Houston, TX	March 2019, 2017
Eb/Rotating, Lawrence University Clarinet Outreach Tour – Minneapolis, MN	April 2018
Various, Wisconsin Alliance for Composers New Music Festival – Oshkosh, WI	March 2018, 2017
Eb, Northeastern Illinois University Clarinet Day – Chicago, IL	March 2017

MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Competitions

Co-Winner, Wheaton Municipal Band Soloist – Wheaton, IL	July 2026
Winner, Lawrence University Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition – Appleton, WI	January 2019
Winner, Waukesha Area Symphonic Band Concerto Competition – Waukesha, WI	May 2015
Runner-up, Temple University, Student Soloist Competition – Philadelphia, PA	December 2019

Finalist, Lawrence University Orchestra Concerto Competition – Appleton, WI	October 2017 & 2018
Runner-Up, Music Teacher's National Association – Stevens Point, WI	October 2016
Honorable Mention, Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition – Oshkosh, WI	May 2016
Semi-Finalist, Milwaukee Symphony Young Artist's Competition – Milwaukee, WI	May 2014 & 2015
Honorable Mention, Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars Competition – Waukesha, WI	April 2014 & 2015
Winner, First United Methodist Church of Waukesha Concerto Competition – Waukesha, WI	May 2014

Professional Auditions Advanced

Semi-Finalist, Second, Fort Wayne Philharmonic	November 2025
Semi-Finalist, Principal Clarinet, Lexington Philharmonic	November 2024
Semi-Finalist, Principal Clarinet, Arkansas Symphony	January 2024
Semi-Finalist, Principal Clarinet, Hartford Symphony	November 2022

All Professional Auditions Attended (inc. Recorded Auditions)

Principal, Milwaukee Ballet	March 2026	Second, Charleston Symphony	May 2024
Principal, Quad City Symphony	March 2026	Section, United States Coast Guard Band	April 2024
Second, Fort Wayne Philharmonic	November 2025	Principal, Philadelphia Ballet	March 2024
Sub, Milwaukee Symphony	Nov. 2024, Oct. 2025	Principal, Harrisburg Symphony	Dec. 2022, Feb. 2024
Second, St. Louis Symphony	September 2025	Section, Civic Orchestra of Chicago	March 2020 - 2024
Principal, Knoxville Symphony	September 2025	Section, New World Symphony	January 2021 - 2024
Principal, Southwest Symphony Orchestra	August 2025	Principal, Arkansas Symphony	January 2024
Principal, Indianapolis Symphony	April 2025	Principal, Met Opera	November 2023
Section, Army Field Band	April 2025	Principal, Allentown Symphony	September 2023
Sub, Helena Symphony	March 2025	Principal, New Jersey Symphony	Dec. 2021, June 2023
Section, Pres. Own Marine Band	Feb 2024, March 2025	Principal & 2nd, Greenville Symphony	June 2021, 2023
Second, Grand Rapids Symphony	January 2025	Principal, Lyric Opera of Chicago	May 2023
Section, Pershing's Own Army Band	Dec. 2023, 2024	Principal, Louisiana Philharmonic	March 2023
Principal, Lexington Philharmonic	November 2024	Section, Orchestra NOW	December 2022
Principal, Albany Symphony	October 2024	Principal, Hartford Symphony	November 2022
Sub, Festival City Symphony	September 2024	Principal, Atlanta Symphony	October 2022
Sub, LaPorte County Symphony	September 2024	Sub, Symphony in C	September 2022
Sub, Champaign Urbana Symphony	September 2024	Second, Evansville Symphony	August 2022
Principal, Kettle Moraine Symphony	August 2024		

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION

Private Instructors

Paul Demers	August 2019 – May 2021	David Bell	September 2015 – May 2019
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Rose Sperrazza	September – November 2018	Dan Roberdeau	May 2012 – May 2015
Orlando Pimentel	April 2015 – August 2015		

Master Classes

John Yeh	February 2021	David Shifrin	October 2016
Stephen Williamson	December 2020	Alain Desgagne	June 2016
Felicia Foland	July 2019	Michael Chesher	May 2016
Michael Harley	April 2019	Julian Bliss	November 2015
Imani Winds	February 2019	Eric Hoeprich	May 2015
John Weigand	November 2017	Todd Levy	May 2014
Jorge Montilla (E ♭ clarinet)	May 2017	Tim Dodge	May 2013
Charlene Zimmerman	May 2017		

Additional Lessons & Coachings

Dario Brignoli	July 2025	Alicia Lee	January 2019
Trevor O’Riordan	September 2024	Carey Bell	July 2018
Gi Lee	April 2021	Daniel Gilbert	August 2018
Erin Lesser	April 2019	David Tuttle	October 2018

Conductors Worked Under

James Anderson	Andres Gonzalez	Alexander Platt
Matthew Arau	Robert Hasty	Ramaekers, Christopher
Arthur Arnold	Joe Higgins	Richard Rosenberg
David Bernard	Michael Jinbo	Alan Scott
Scott Boerma	Gina Lennox	Robert Sheldon
Paul Bryan	Don Liuzzi	James Stevenson
Patricia Cornett	Tiffany Lu	Emily Threinen
Glenn Cortese	Andy Mast	Russell Vinnick
Travis Cross	Michael McCain	Kensho Wantanabe
Andreas Delfs	Lee Milhous	Carolyn Watson
Mark Dupere	Bruce Moss	Evan Williams
Rosalind Erwin	Matthew Oberstein	
Robert Francis	Elizabeth Peterson	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Music Theory, Overture Games – Chicago, IL	January 2025 – Present
Clarinet/Flute/Saxophone/Recorder, Music In Urban Schools Inspiring Change – Chicago, IL	September 2024 – Present

Flute, Breaking Grounds in Music – Arlington Heights, IL	July 2025 – Present
Clarinet/Recorder, Tune Up Philly – Philadelphia, PA	September 2023 – May 2024
Clarinet/Oboe, Play On Philly – Philadelphia, PA	January 2023 – May 2023
Clarinet, Nelly Berman School of Music – Haverford, PA	June 2021 – August 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

Member, Sigma Alpha Iota Philadelphia Alumni – Philadelphia, PA	May 2022 – June 2024
Secretary/Personnel Manager, Temple Repertory Orchestra – Philadelphia, PA	December 2019 – October 2020
Recording Secretary, Sigma Alpha Iota, Xi Chapter – Appleton, WI	April 2016 – May 2019
Secretary, Mortar Board Iota Chapter – Appleton, WI	April 2018 – May 2019

Misc Honors & Recognition

Emily & Arthur Crosby Award – Philadelphia, PA	April 2021
Sigma Alpha Iota Collegiate Honor Award – Appleton, WI	May 2019
John Philip Sousa Award – Waukesha, WI	May 2015