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Objective

With 21 years experience teaching in a private lesson setting and 14 years of ensemble teaching experience as String Ensemble Director at Guerin Prep High School in River Grove, IL., I possess an encompassing view of the **art** of learning to play a musical instrument. Because of my classical and jazz music educational background, I know the strengths and weaknesses of a strictly classical musical education. I strive to balance all aspects of the music educational experience: posture, ear training, tone production, reading, styles, and solo versus group performance challenges. My goal is to create a learning environment where classical music discipline and self-discovery are equally valued and encouraged, with both teacher and student participating in the art of learning to play a musical instrument.

Instructional Experience

1997 - Present

String Ensemble Director at Guerin College Prep HS, River Grove, IL, responsible for all activities relating to that school's orchestra program, including teaching two ensemble and one beginning class daily. Developed this program from 3 participants to over 25.

2008 - Present

Teach 20 students weekly at True Note Music, Lisle, IL. Website: Truenotemusic.com

1997

Conceived and instituted a school day string music program in District 96, Long Grove, funded privately by parents, that led to that district hiring a full time string instructor.

2000-2001

Conducted 2nd violin sectionals for Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra, Schaumburg, IL.

1991 - 2008

Taught between 50-70 private lesson students weekly through Holmes Junior High and Wheeling HS, Wheeling; Cooper Junior High and Buffalo Grove HS, Buffalo Grove; Morton Junior College, Cicero; Oak Park HS, Oak Park; and Musical Expressions Teaching Studios, Naperville.

Professional Experience

2009 - present

Direct and play with Synchronicity, a small electric strings ensemble. We feature an unique musical mix, including jazz, pop, and classical. Our venues have included Irish Fest, Taste of Forest Park, the Miss Polonia Pageant, First Look for Charities at the Chicago Auto Show and local area restaurants and coffee shops including Starbucks, Thyme & Honey, Red Eyes Coffee, and Basilica's Restaurant.

2004 - 2007

Played with Argento String Quartet; Tower Choral Society, LaGrange as principal violist; Wheaton Summer Symphony as assistant principal violist, NEIU orchestra as principal violist and Oak Park Symphony Orchestra, Oak Park.

Professional Experience continued

Played electric viola (lead) in Rolling Thunder, which performed locally, including the 1982 Chicago Fest. Also played electric violin and viola with the Billy Dean Blues Band.

Played accompaniment and entre-act music for the Second City based comedy troupes, the Paradox Players, City Snickers and What a Pair, which performed at Houlihans, Byfields, the Chicago Comedy Showcase, Orphans and The Roxy, and was featured on an ABC Entertainment news spot.

Played with Civic Orchestra of Chicago as assistant principal violist; Ethos Chamber Orchestra, Oak Park, principal 2nd violin. Other orchestral experience includes: Chicago Youth Orchestra, North Side Symphony Orchestra, the orchestras of Northwestern University, DePaul University and the Opera Repertory Orchestra at Indiana University. Played with Plus Four String Quartet.

Have done studio recording work, both classical and commercial, most notably a LP with Plus Four String Quartet, featuring a local Chicago composer, Randy Plutt, a CD with Shawn Hutchings, featuring electric viola, and digital recordings with Synchronicity for Facebook.

Education

Studied violin with Joseph Glymph, Northeastern Illinois University and Adia Ghertovici, formerly with the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago.

Studied classical viola with Milton Preves, principal violist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO); William Schoen, assistant principal violist with CSO; Jerry Horner at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Also studied the Walton Viola Concerto with Adia Ghertovici.

Studied jazz viola with David Baker, Indiana University, and with David Bloom of the Bloom school for Jazz Improvisation, Chicago.

Attended Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, majoring in viola performance with a minor studied concentration in chamber music and jazz performance. Received partial National Honor Scholarship at IU. Completed course work for Bachelor of Music degree in Viola Performance at Roosevelt University, Chicago Musical College, Chicago.

Attended Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, MI (a private high school specializing in fine arts education) on full tuition scholarship for final year of high school with a concentration of studies in chamber music.

Interests and Activities

Presently am enrolled at Midwest College of Oriental Medicine, pursuing a Master's Degree in Oriental Medicine. Have worked with the Dean of that school to prepare two class lab manuals and two continuing education workshop course materials, including PowerPoint presentations and accompanying course books.

References

Available upon request.