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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance and Information Science

University of Wisconsin–Madison, anticipated graduation:

May 2025

Certificates: Data Science, Digital Studies

GPA: 3.943

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

Writing Fellowship, University of Wisconsin—Madison

2024-present

SuccessWorks Internship Fund, for ARIA International

2024

Dean's List, University of Wisconsin—Madison

2021-present

UW Tuition Waiver, University of Wisconsin—Madison

2021-2025

PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship, Professional Golfers' Association of America

2021-2022

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ensemble Librarian

2022-Present

Band and Orchestra Libraries, Mead Witter School of Music, University of Wisconsin—Madison | Madison, WI

- Involved in all aspects of music preparation for student bands and orchestras at UW-Madison including UW Symphony Orchestra, UW Opera, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, University Bands, All University Strings Ensembles, Medical Sciences Orchestra, and Lab Ensemble
- Duties include scanning music, bowing parts, cataloging materials, creation of parts/scores, distributing music, and other library improvement projects (i.e., rehousing, manuscript cataloging)

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Re-cataloging Project

September-November 2024

Mead Witter School of Music, Band Library

Supervisor: Cat Richmond

- Led team of band librarians in moving band library collection to a new organizational system for improved findability and more efficient collection expansion
- Required referencing an outdated catalog version to create a reference point for matching physical collection to digital records as new numbers were being added
- Also included data cleaning using OpenRefine to improve accuracy of library database

Independent Study

December 2023-May 2024

Wingra Wind Quintet Library Cataloging

Supervisor: Dorothea Salo, Distinguished Teaching Faculty III

- Worked independently to catalog a collection of chamber music (~500 pieces) owned by the Wingra Wind Quintet, the faculty wind quintet at UW-Madison
- Products included both a spreadsheet catalog, relational database, and write-up regarding the cataloging process
- Future work will be done on this project with regards to the physical collection including improved storage, rehousing of archival materials (i.e., original manuscripts), deaccession of unusable materials, and digitization of select materials

ACADEMIC WORK & TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Writing Fellow

2024-present

University of Wisconsin—Madison Writing Center | Madison, WI

- Attached as a writing tutor to specific undergraduate courses providing written feedback and conferencing with students in various areas of study
- Focuses on helping students to work towards improving the rhetorical techniques, clarity, and organization in their academic writing in a low-stakes, peer tutoring environment

Lab Ensemble Musician

April 2023-present

Mead Witter School of Music, University of Wisconsin—Madison | Madison, WI

- Performance on flute in a biweekly graduate orchestral conducting lab ensemble
- Ensemble performs in a masterclass style to allow graduate conducting students in the Wind and Orchestral Conducting studios to receive feedback from conducting faculty

Event Chamber Musician

April 2023-present

Various, University of Wisconsin—Madison | Madison, WI

- Hired as flute performer in woodwind quintet/quartet for various UW—Madison events including Phi Kappa Phi awards ceremonies, Chancellor's Undergraduate Awards Ceremony, and BTAA Academic Conference cocktail hour.

Music Theory Tutor

2022-2024

Mead Witter School of Music, University of Wisconsin—Madison | Madison, WI

- Tutor serving undergraduate music theory students in drop-in style sessions
- Topics of focus included music theory concepts of part-writing, counterpoint, and ear training
- Designed posters for marketing of tutoring service within Mead Witter School of Music spaces

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Student Advisory Council, Woodwind Area Representative

October 2024-present

Mead Witter School of Music, University of Wisconsin—Madison | Madison, WI

- Student representative in student advisory group for Mead Witter School of Music (MWSOM)
- Monthly meetings with other student representatives, Director of MWSOM, Assistant Director of MWSOM, and other faculty to discuss pertinent policies, curriculum, and other topics as necessary

MUSIC FESTIVALS

ARIA International, student participant

July 2024

Mount Holyoke, MA

- Performed in masterclasses for and took lessons from prominent flutists (Aaron Goldman, Molly Barth, Donna Shin, and Linda Toote) over a two-week period.

Bayview Music Festival, performer

July-August 2023

Petoskey, MI, July-August 2023

- Performed in wind quintet, pit orchestra, and as a soloist along with receiving lessons/coaching from music faculty from across the US over a four-week period
- Performances with quintet included the Bayview Vesper Concert Series, a Fourth of July community event and parade, an outreach performance at a local housing project, and weekly chamber music concerts
- Other performances included a solo performance as a hired musician for a local church, chamber performance in a flute trio, and performance for a production of Beauty and the Beast

ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE

LARGE ENSEMBLES

University of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Jan-May 2022; Jan-May, Sep-Dec 2023, Sep-Dec 2024

UW-Madison Wind Ensemble Jan-May 2022; Jan-May, Sep-Dec 2023; Jan-May 2024, Sep-Dec 2024

UW-Madison Concert Band Sep-Dec 2021; Sep-Dec 2022

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Flute Quartet September 2022-May 2023

Coached by Matthew Koester, Mead Witter School of Music, Teaching Faculty, Saxophone

Repertoire included: *Steeley Pause* by Jennifer Higdon, *Jour d'été à la montagne* by Eugène Bozza, and *Glass* by Katahji Copley

Woodwind Trio - Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon September 2023-May 2024

Coached by Matthew Koester, Mead Witter School of Music, Teaching Faculty, Saxophone

Repertoire Included: *Trio Op. 92* by Charles Koechlin, *Four Bagatelles* by Allan Blank, and *Triologue* by Binette Lipper

Flute Quartet September 2024-present

Coached by Taya König-Tarasevich, Mead Witter School of Music, Teaching Faculty, Early Music

Repertoire Included: *6 Concertos for 5 Flutes, Op. 15* by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier

Woodwind Quintet/Quartet

Student organized woodwind quintet/quartet for performance at multiple UW-Madison events including Phi Kappa Phi Awards Ceremony, Chancellor's Undergraduate Awards, and BTAA Academic Conference Cocktail Hour.

Repertoire Included: *Pastorale* by Amy Beach, *Minuet & Hunting Scene* by Jean Marie Leclair (arr. Mueller)

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Cheesemonger July 2024-present

Wisconsin Cheese Mart | Madison, WI

- Customer-facing individual providing cashier services, recommendations, and cheese knowledge to a tourist-heavy customer base
- Responsible for preparing cheese samples, stocking products, handling payments, and making personalized product recommendations for individual customers

Beverage Cart/Bartender May-October 2022

Door Creek Golf Course | Cottage Grove, WI

- ServSafe Alcohol Safety certified server providing on-course and indoor beverage service to customers
- Responsible for stocking and maintaining beverage carts, serving customers on-course, aiding in preparation for outings/events, and handling both cash and card transactions

Barista May-August 2021

Beans n' Cream Bakehouse and Coffeehouse | Sun Prairie, WI

- Member of team of baristas working at two Beans n' Cream locations serving baked good, food, and beverages
- Responsible for taking and preparing orders (both in-person, via mobile order, and via drive-thru), maintaining cleanliness, handling payments, and training other employees

Barista/Clerk

August 2020-May 2021

Hy-Vee (Caribou Coffee) | Madison, WI

- Primary barista and clerk at Caribou Coffee kiosk inside of Hy-Vee grocery store serving a variety of specialty beverages and baked goods
- Responsible for taking and preparing orders, stocking product at kiosk, handling payments, and maintaining cleanliness of work space

Outside Services

May-September 2020

Door Creek Golf Course | Cottage Grove, WI

- Attendant in charge of maintaining outdoor service spaces and equipment including golf carts, driving range, executive golf course, and parking lot
- Main responsibilities included greeting customers, clearing range balls, garbage maintenance, and sanitization/cleaning of golf carts and other equipment in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines

Pit Orchestra Musician

June-October 2019

Sun Prairie Civic Theater | Sun Prairie, WI

- Hired to play flute and piccolo for a production of Mary Poppins
- Production included intensive rehearsals and five performances of the musical in its entirety

SKILLS

Computer Proficiencies: Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, R, Python, SQL, HTML, CSS, Open Refine, Tableau

Library Proficiencies: basic cataloging, scanning of printed materials, basic repair of printed items, binding of booklets/scores

Music Proficiencies: flute/piccolo performance, basic music theory, score reading, string bowings, basic transposition