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Education:

2020- present: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, DMA Violin Performance
2018-2020: Schulich School of Music at McGill University, MM Violin Performance
2014-2018: Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, BM Violin Performance
2010-2014: Sharon High School, Sharon MA
2005-2014: New England Conservatory Preparatory Program

Primary Violin Teachers:

Meg Freivogel (present), Violaine Melancon, Magdalena Richter, Anait Arutunian, David Rubinstein

Teaching:

2020-present: Violin Teaching Assistant at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: MUSC 110- Violin, MUSC 410- Advanced Violin, MUSC 450- Chamber Music, and Violin Scale Technique Class- Undergraduate and Graduate Violin Music Majors
2022-present: Apollo's Fire- Cleveland Baroque Orchestra- Teaching Artist in Matteson, IL
2021-present: Coordinator and Instructor at Illinois Community String Academy: private lessons, chamber music, orchestra sectionals, lead curriculum meetings, admin
2022: ASTA National Conference research presenter: String Quartet Pedagogy in Higher Ed
2021: Public Speaking Workshop at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
2021: Lecturer at Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop
2021: Level 1 Rolland Certification
2017-present: Faculty member at Easton Chamber Music Festival
2020: Guest Violin Workshop for Aphasia Group of Middle Tennessee, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
2019-2020: Teaching Assistant for Violaine Melancon at McGill University
2017-2018: Teaching Assistant at Peabody Conservatory for Explore Course (music as a profession)
2017-2018: Music History Tutor at Peabody Conservatory
2014-2017: Maintained a private studio in Baltimore, MD

Community Outreach/Engagement:

2021-present: Founder and Director of Carle Community Concerts, outreach live-stream performances for hospital patients in Champaign, IL
2020-present: Board of Trustees at Volunteer Musicians for the Arts; Boston, MA
2018: Lecturer on Community Outreach in 21st Century with Midori
2017-2018: Co-Director of Peabody String Sinfonia, performs exclusively at community venues, served as rotated Principal, organized transportation, venues, budget, guest artists, director of public speaking
2016: Selected to participate in Peabody's United Way Project
2014-2018: Active performer in Creative Access Outreach program at Peabody Conservatory
2012-2013: Solo Violin Recitals at Perkins School for the Blind

Orchestra:

2021: Urbana Pops Orchestra, Visiting Concertmaster
2020: University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Concertmaster
2019: Bowdoin International Music Festival Orchestra, Assistant Concertmaster and Principal
2018: Peabody Modern Orchestra, Concertmaster
2017: Peabody Chamber Orchestra, Principal
2017: Peabody Opera Orchestra, Principal
2014-2017: Peabody Concert Orchestra, Co-Concertmaster 2016-2017 season
2013-2014: Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra with Benjamin Zander: Tour to Carnegie Hall and performance with El Sistema program
2013: NEC Youth Philharmonic Orch. with Hugh Wolff, David Loebel
2013: Argentina Music Tour, NEC Youth Philharmonic Orch. with Hugh Wolff and El Sistema

2005-2013: NEC Preparatory School Orchestral Program
2004-2012: Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra

Chamber Music

2022: DMA Piano Trio recital: works by Reena Esmail, Amy Beach, Elfrida Andree, and Mengqi Lai
2020-2021: Illinois Modern Ensemble, violinist
2019: Gamper Festival of Contemporary Music, Brunswick ME
2018: Performance at Society of Four Arts, Palm Beach, FL
2018: Masterclass with Brentano String Quartet
2018: Quartet chosen as Peabody Honors Ensemble (featured concert series in Baltimore)
2017: Selected Peabody String Quartet and Piano Quartet with Juilliard String Quartet workshop
2016-2017: Rotated principal in Peabody String Sinfonia and Director of Public Speaking
2016: Selected Peabody piano trio for masterclass with Chiara String Quartet
2014: Selected Peabody quartet for workshop with Borromeo String Quartet
2010- 2014: NEC Prep Chamber Music Program
2012: Selected NEC Prep quartet for master class with Borromeo String Quartet
2012: Piano Quartet performance at Lincoln Center, NY, Foulgers International Music Institute

Solo Performances:

2022: Solo DMA Violin Recital at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2021: Masterclass for MET Violinist, Garrett Fischbach
2021: Masterclass for MET orchestra musicians Julia Choi, Bruno Eicher, and Elena Barere
2021: Solo Violin Recital at Core Memory Concert Series, Peacedale, RI
2021: Solo DMA Violin Recital at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2019: Gwen Hoebig Masterclass
2019: Solo Violin Recital at McGill University
2018: Performer at AIPAC in Washington DC
2018: Solo Violin Recital at Peabody Conservatory
2017-2018: Performed in masterclasses for Midori Goto, Axel Strauss, and Stefan Milenkovich
2017: Violinist in Shriver Hall Concert Series, pre-concert talk for Venice Baroque Orchestra
2017: Solo Violin Recital at Peabody Conservatory
2016: Chosen to participate in Heifetz on Tour Program, Heifetz International Institute
2015-2016: Soloist in Stars of Tomorrow Concert Series, Heifetz International Institute
2015: Performed with the Washington Nationals in MLB holiday video
2015: Solo Violin Recital at Peabody Conservatory
2014: Solo Violin Recital at East Congregational Church, East Walpole, Ma

Summer Festival Experiences:

2021: Violin Fellow at Next Festival of Emerging Artists
2019: Violin Fellow at Bowdoin International Music Festival
2017-2018: Violin Fellow at Manchester Music Festival
2015-2016: Heifetz International Music Institute
2014: Bowdoin International Music Festival
2012: Foulger International Music Festival
2011: Germany, International Summer Academy, "Music in Regensburg"

Awards, Prizes, Scholarships:

2021: String Achievement Award, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
2021: Community Leadership Award, Volunteer Musicians for the Arts, Boston MA
2020- present: Violin Teaching Assistantship at University of Illinois, full scholarship
2018-2020: Schulich Graduate Fellowship
2018: Johns Hopkins President's Commendation for Achievement in the Arts
2018: Grace Claggett Ranney Prize in Chamber Music
2018: Pi Kappa Lambda Inductee
2014-2018: Peabody General Scholarship