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EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello Performance

Michigan State University

Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting

Michigan State University

Performance Certificate in Cello Performance

Wayne State University

Diploma in Opera and Symphony Conducting (MM)

Post-Graduate Studies in Cello Performance (DMA)

Diploma Cello Performance (MM)

Komitas State Conservatory (Armenia)

CONDUCTING & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Music Director and Conductor, Mason Symphony Orchestra, 2015-Present

Mason Orchestral Society, Mason, MI

- Developed creative programming to engage a wide variety of audience members
- Recent performances include Masterworks, Chamber, Christmas Pops, Summer Classics
- Recent repertoire includes symphonies by Brahms, Dvorak, Beethoven, Schubert, Franck, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky
- Developed and organized Youth Concerto Competition
- Performed Youth Side-by-Side Concerts
- Oversee development and programming of the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
- Participated in the Hiring of Philharmonic Youth Orchestra conductor
- Organized venue for Philharmonic Youth Orchestra weekly rehearsals
- Organized and conducted Benefit Concert: Play for Nepal
- Collaborated with MSU faculty soloists Walter Verdehr, Suren Bagratuni, and Yuri Gandelsman
- Recent professional soloists: Ralph Votapek, Gregory Beaver, Takeshi Abo, and Amanda Wilton
- Collaborated with the Greater Lansing Ballet Company including Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker," Riverwalk Theatre Company, Steiner Chorale, and the Ingham Festival Chorale

Orchestra Director, Alma College Symphony Orchestra, sabbatical replacement, 2016

Alma College, Alma, MI

- Developed programming
- Adjudicated the Concerto Competition
- Conducted repertoire by Beethoven, Borodin, Griffes, Eric Ewazen, Ippolitov-Ivanov
- Worked with both students and professional musicians
- Contracted professional musicians

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Conducting & Cello Faculty, 2006-Present

- **Conduct Faculty Ensembles:**
 - Rose Chamber Orchestra
 - Park Band
 - Faculty Brass Ensemble
 - Blue Lake Opera, Assistant Conductor
- **Conduct Student Orchestras:** full symphonic and string orchestras
- Teach Conducting & Score Study Classes
- Lead Cello sectionals
- Teach Cello technique classes
- Coach college-age staff chamber ensembles
- Blodgett Recital Series, program curator and cellist
 - 2018 "Bach at Blue Lake," 2017 "Folk Inspirations," 2015 "*Schumanniad*"
- Cello Performer: Festival Orchestra, Rose Orchestra, Blue Lake Opera, faculty chamber ensembles

Creighton University, Cello & Bass Faculty, 2017-19

Omaha, Nebraska

- Teach all levels of Applied Cello & Bass
- Adjudicate semester juries with string faculty
- Collaborate in teaching and performance with string faculty
- Coach cello sectionals for the Creighton University Orchestra

Omaha Area Youth Orchestras, 2016-19

- Substitute Conductor
- String Sectional Coach
- Cello Sectional Coach
- Chamber Music Coach

Omaha Conservatory of Music Institute, Artist Teacher of Cello, 2016

- Teach Private Cello Lessons
- Teach Group Master Class Lessons (Intermediate-Advanced)
- Coach Cello Group Class (Beginner-Intermediate)
- Conduct String Orchestra
- Perform on Faculty Recitals

Marshall Music, Cello Instructor, 2007-16 (East Lansing, MI)

- Teach all levels of Cello (Beginner-Advanced)

Michigan State University, Teaching Assistant for Suren Bagratuni, 2008-09

Sayat-Nova Special Music School, Instructor of Cello, 2003-05 (Yerevan, Armenia)

Private Cello Studio, 1994-Present

ADDITIONAL CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **Youth Arts Coalition All-State Honors Orchestra**, Flint, MI
- 2016-Present **Livingston Symphony Orchestra**, Regular Substitute Conductor, Brighton, MI
- 2016 **Conductor, *Fiddler on the Roof***, (6 performance-production), Home School Performing Arts, Charlotte Performing Arts Center, MI
- 2008-2015 **Founder and Conductor of the Pro Musica Ensemble**, East Lansing, MI
- 2009-2015 Performances with MSU Symphony, Philharmonic, and Concert Orchestras
- 2001-2007 **Founder, Music Director and Conductor of the Scherzo Youth Chamber Orchestra**, Yerevan, Armenia
- Regular broadcasts on Armenian state radio and television
- 2003-2005 **Director of Orchestral Activities, Sayat-Nova Special Music School**, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2002 Guest Conductor, **State Conservatory Opera Orchestra**
- 1998 Guest Conductor, Yerevan Symphony Orchestra, Yerevan, Armenia
- 1993-2005 Armenian Composer's Union, premiere performances and recordings

CELLO PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present **Sioux City Symphony Orchestra**, cellist
- 2016-Present **Omaha Symphony Orchestra**, substitute cellist
- 2005-Present Cellist with the Alma Symphony and Lansing Symphony (Michigan)
- 2005-Present Principal Cellist, Blue Lake Festival Orchestra (Michigan)
- 2006-Present Blodgett Recital Series, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp
- 2005-2015 Cellist with the Jackson, Midland, West Michigan, and Dearborn symphony orchestras
- 2006-2013 Michigan State University Symphony Orchestra and Opera Orchestra
- 2006-2013 *Musique 21: New Music Ensemble*
- 2005-2006 Wayne State University Symphony Orchestra
- 2003-2005 Principal Cellist, State Conservatory Opera Orchestra
- 2003 Cellist, Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra
- 2001-2003 Artist Cellist, State Conservatory Chamber Music Department, Armenia
- 1997-2002 Cellist, Yerevan Symphony Orchestra, Armenia
- 1995-2001 Solo Cellist, the Tagharan Ensemble of Ancient Music, Armenia
- 1993-1997 Cellist, Armenian Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra
- 1996-2005 **Cellist and Founder of the Renaissance Quartet**, Yerevan, Armenia
- Regular broadcasts on Armenian state radio and television
- Recitals and performances in Armenia, France, Germany, Russia, Canada, United States

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS

- 2006-Present Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI
- 2016 Omaha Conservatory of Music Institute, Omaha, NE
- 2000 Bach 2000 International Festival, Leipzig, Germany
- 1998 Serenade International Festival, Yerevan, Armenia

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

- 2006-2015 Full Tuition Scholarship, Michigan State University
- 2005-2006 Full Tuition Scholarship, Wayne State University
- 2005 **First Prize Winner of Concerto Competition**, Wayne State University
Performed the *Concerto-Rhapsody* for Cello and Orchestra by Aram Khachaturian with the Wayne State University Symphony Orchestra, Detroit, MI
- 2004 **Special Award “Best Teacher of the Year,”** granted by the Armenia Supreme Leader of the Armenian Apostolic Church Catholicos, Karekin II
- 2004 **First Prize at the Parnas Youth Ensemble Festival, Scherzo Youth Chamber Orchestra Conductor**, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2003 “Acclaimed Educator” for contributions in youth music education, Yerevan, Armenia

MASTERCLASSES

Conducting

- 2011 David Lockington (Grand Rapids Symphony)
- 2009 Leonard Slatkin (Detroit Symphony Orchestra)
- 2003 Ohan Duryan’Narc (Yerevan Symphony Orchestra)

String

- 2005-2006 Detroit Symphony Orchestra members: Emmanuelle Boisvert, Robert deMaine, Marcy Chanteaux, Geoffrey Applegate, and James Van Valkenburg