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Education

Doctor of Music, Orchestral Conducting -December, 2009

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

Primary teacher: Victor Yampolsky

Other teachers: David Effron, Frederick Ockwell, Mallory Thompson, Robert Hasty, John Lynch.

Master of Music, Orchestral Conducting -June, 2005

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

Primary teacher: Victor Yampolsky

With focus in Music History and Music Theory, continued with piano performance through chamber music.

Bachelor of Music, Music Education and Music Technology -June, 2002

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

In addition, fulfilled most degree requirements in Piano Performance, was the winner of the Northwestern University School of Music Concerto Competition. Primary piano teachers include Alan Chow and Sylvia Wang. Minored in Composition and Conducting.

Teaching and Conducting Experience

2010-Present **Director of Symphony Orchestra at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**

Responsible for all musical activities of the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, one of the four international touring ensembles of the college. The orchestra consists of music and non-music majors who come from various academic areas. Teach Basic Conducting, Music Theory I and II, Orchestration and Music Arranging, and First Term Seminar in Film Music for first year students.

2020-Present **Conductor of Repertory Orchestra with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies, St. Paul, MN**

Responsible for one of four orchestra with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies, an organization that aims to enrich and inspire talented K-12 orchestral musicians

Presentations

- March 2011 **Mankato State University Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert, Mankato, MN,**
Shared conducting duties with their regular conductor who was also featured as a soloist on this concert.
- March 2009 **Central Iowa Symphony, Ames, IA**
Guest conductor with this community orchestra on a concert featuring the winners from their Young People's Concerto/Aria Competition.
- August 2008 **Orchestra Director of Music Art and**

- Clinic two high school orchestras
- March 2017 **Lake Conference Orchestra Festival, Hopkins, MN**
Clinic with school orchestras in the lake conference, including Hopkins High School, Minnetonka High School, Edina High School, and Eden Prairie High School
- February 2017 **MNSOTA, MN**
Clinician, Middle Level Orchestra Festivals at Wayzata

Conducted a clinic with the Washington High School Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour.

- March 2011 **Lake Conference Orchestra Festival, Hopkins, MN**
Lake conference includes the high schools of Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Wayzata.
- February 2011 **Minnetonka High School, Minnetonka, MN**
Served as a clinician to their three high school orchestras.
- February 2011 **MNSOTA, Minneapolis, MN**
Clinician, Middle Level Orchestra Festivals at Monticello High School, Monticello, MN and East Ridge High School, Woodbury, MN.
- October 2010 **South High School, Minneapolis, MN**
Served as clinician with the two orchestras at the South High School.

Choral Conductor

- 2006-2007 **Community Christian Church, Lincolnshire, IL**
Music Director of the church's choir.
- 2003-2004 **Northwestern University Chapel Choir, Evanston, IL**
Assistant Conductor to this choir made up of both music and non-music majors students from Northwestern University.

Opera Conductor

- 2003-2005 **Operamoda, Chicago, IL**
Guest Conductor of radio productions

Pianist

- Oct. 2014 **Various High Schools in Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK**
Toured with two Gustavus Students as part of a recruitment tou

- January 2011 **St. John's Chapel at Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights, IL**
As member of the Chicago Piano Vocal Score, performed Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op. 52 & 65.
- January 2011 **Northwestern University Faculty Recital, Evanston, IL**
Guest artist as part of Kurt Hansen's Faculty Recital, performed music of Mendelssohn and Brahms.
- Sept 2010 **St. Paul Chapel Concerts Presents, Chicago, IL**
As member of the Chicago Piano Vocal Score performing Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op. 52 & 65.
- 2008-2009 **Atlas Trio, Ames, IA**
A flute oboe piano trio that performed a diverse program in various Midwest Universities
- March 2007 **Dame Myra Hess Series, Chicago, IL**
Performed as part of the Lin-Kontorovitch Piano Duo on this highly competitive performances series. The series is broadcasted live weekly on the premiere Chicago Classical Radio Station WFMT)
- Nov. 2002 **Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, Evanston, IL**
Performed as a soloist with the orchestra as one of the Winner of the Northwestern University School of Music Concerto Competition
- March 2000 **Solo Piano Recital, Evanston, IL**
Performed works of Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, Liszt

College and Professional Organization Activities

- 2019-Present **Faculty Associate for New Faculty Programming at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**
Responsible for all programming for new faculty, including new faculty orientation, monthly session for new faculty on various topics, and setting up mentor partners for new faculty.

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2013-Present **College Orchestra Directors Association**

Active member of this organization dedicated to the advancement of Orchestral music in the college/university setting. Co-presented at the 2013 conference “Achieving Critical Mass—Strategies for Improving Recruitment and Repertoire Selection in Small College (or College-Community) Orchestra.”