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Conducting Experience

Jacksonville Symphony

Assistant Conductor, Music Director of Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras

Jacksonville, FL
2022 -

Society for New Music

Guest Conductor

Syracuse, NY
2021

- Conducted series of performances entitled *Wilderness Music* featuring music by R. Murray Shaefer

Eastman School of Music

Conducting Assistant - Eastman School Symphony Orchestra/Eastman Philharmonia

Rochester, NY
2021 - Present

- Conduct, rehearse, and perform with orchestral ensembles and sectionals
- Receive weekly lessons with Professor Neil Varon
- Assist Professor Neil Varon in various tasks including the setting up rehearsal spaces, organization of players, and providing sound checks in performance halls.
- Conduct and rehearse 20 musicians in readings of standard orchestral repertoire as part of Eastman's Graduate Conducting Orchestra

Eastman School of Music

Conducting Assistant - Musica Nova

Rochester, NY
2020

- Conduct, rehearse, and organize 13-member string ensemble for recording sessions and performances of music since 1900
- Conduct and rehearse 20 musicians in readings of standard orchestral repertoire as part of Eastman's Graduate Conducting Orchestra

Empire Film and Media Ensemble

Artistic Director, Conductor, Producer

Rochester, NY
2017 - 2023

- Produce and program over 30 live to film concerts, recording projects, other multimedia experiences with musical ensembles
- Rehearse and perform with a diverse range of ensembles and musicians for every performance
- Recruit and manage all personnel and musicians

Eastman School of Music

Director - Tuba Mirum

Rochester, NY
2015 - 2020

- Rehearse 20 member tuba and euphonium ensemble weekly for performances and recording sessions
- Facilitated and conducted recording session for the album "Jawohl!" recorded in Kilbourn Hall in 2019

Teaching Experience

Jacksonville Symphony

Assistant Conductor, Music Director of Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras

Jacksonville, FL
2022 -

- Teach 80 students (ages 12-18) in weekly rehearsals
- Guest conduct at middle and high schools in the Jacksonville Area

Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Concerto Competition Judge

Rochester, NY
2021 -2022

Conducting Coaching

Private Instructor

Rochester, NY
2021 - 2022

Eastman School of Music

Teaching and Departmental Assistant

Rochester, NY
2020 - 2022

- Rehearse and teach undergraduate students orchestral repertoire for monthly concert performances
- Assist in the organization and rehearsing of the newly formed 60-member online ensemble
- Coach 30 students in technique and style for multiple recording projects
- Assist in organizing and coaching students in Intermediate Conducting course

Concert Production Experience

Cineconcerts

Los Angeles, CA

Playback Operator

- Operate Laptops and necessary technology for score-to-film projects. Films performed include all eight Harry Potter films, Elf, Gladiator, and more.

Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media - Eastman School of Music

Rochester, NY

Guest Project Manager

2018 - 2023

- Organize all audiovisual media for all live score to picture performances for Eastman's Beal Institute
- Manage team of student composers
- Develop new click track, punches and streamers, and program QLab cue sheet for score to film synchronization
- Develop rehearsal and production schedule

Empire Film and Media Ensemble

2017 - 2023

Artistic Director, Conductor, Producer

- Produce and program over 20 live to film concerts, recording projects, other multimedia experiences with musical ensembles
- Create all videos and other media used in marketing campaigns for projects and fundraising efforts
- Recruit and manage all personnel and musicians

Empire Film and Media Ensemble

2016 - 2017

Conductor, Project Assistant

- Contract musicians and compose for award-winning web series Star Trek Continues finale, *To Boldly Go*
- Conduct and rehearse score to award winning short film *Aquarium* by Stephanie Maxwell
- Collaborate with visual artists to produce charity concerts for Seed Folk City Farms and Wounded Warrior Project

Administrative Experience

Tanglewood Music Center

Lenox, MA

Guide

2021

- Act as liaison between administrative and production departments
- Assist in maintaining security for all Tanglewood and Boston Symphony Orchestra Events
- Answer calls and questions from patrons and guests

Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester

Rochester, NY

Teaching and Departmental Assistant - Online

2020 - 2021

- Participate in production meetings to organize for the newly formed 60-member online ensemble
- Record and distribute all media required for online recording projects
- Generate spreadsheets an organizing scheduling for asynchronous students

Empire Film and Media Ensemble

Rochester, NY

Artistic Director, Conductor, Producer

2017 - 2023

- Manage Board of Directors and operation assistants
- Collaborate with local filmmakers, animators and projection artists to create unique live to picture performances
- Create press lists and press releases for the marketing of all performances
- Design website using Squarespace

Software Proficiencies

- Music Notation Software: Sibelius, MuseScore
- Digital Audio Workstations: Logic Pro X
- Multimedia Playback Software: QLab
- Video Editing Software: Final Cut Pro

Collegiate Performances/Achievements/Awards

- Entrepreneurial Year Recipient, awarded for achievement with Empire Film and Media Ensemble. 2019
- Winner of solo concerto competition to perform *Reflections on the Mississippi* by Michael Daugherty with the Eastman Wind Orchestra 2018
- Recipient a Performer's Certificate Degree Recital 2018
- Performed as principal tubist on album, *Images*, recorded by the Eastman Wind Ensemble 2017
- Conducted Tuba Mirum at the 2018 Northeast Regional Tuba & Euphonium Conference 2017
- Performed as principle tubist for premiere of *Music for Wind Ensemble* by Andre Previn performed with the Eastman Wind Ensemble 2014
- Awarded Howard Hanson Scholarship for musical and academic merit 2014

Education

Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester

Rochester, NY

Master of Music - Orchestral Conducting

2022

Advanced Certificate in Community Teaching

- Conducting studies with Professor Brad Lubman and Professor Neil Varon
- Departmental and Teaching Assistant
- Community engagement studies with Dean Donna Brink Fox
- String Pedagogy studies with Dr. Lisa Caravan

Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester

Rochester, NY

Bachelor of Music - Applied Music: Tuba

2019

Performer's Certificate

- Tuba studies with Professor Don Harry
- Conducting Studies with Dr. Oliver Hagen
- Entrepreneurial Year Recipient, awarded for achievement with Empire Film and Media Ensemble

Selected Repertoire Performed

Performed with the Jacksonville Symphony

Standard Repertoire

Halloween Spooktacular

October 2023

Romanian Folk Dances	Bela Bartok
Funeral March of the Marionette	Charles Gounod
Psycho, Narrative for Strings	Bernard Herrmann
Danse Macabre	Camille Saint-Saëns
Danse Bacchanale	Camille Saint-Saëns
Ride of the Valkyries	Richard Wagner

The Great Outdoors

October 2023

An Outdoor Overture	Aaron Copland
The Walk to the Paradise Garden	Frederick Delius
The Hebrides	Felix Mendelssohn
A Night on Bald Mountain	Modest Mussorgsky
Wood Notes	William Grant Still
Overture to The Song of Hiawatha	Samuel Coleridge Taylor

Young Artist Competition

Piano Concerto No.2	Sergei Rachmaninoff
III. Allegro scherzando	

May 2023

Community Side-by- Side

April 2022

Symphony no. 9	Antonín Dvořák
Carmen Suite no. 1	Georges Bizet

Dance Around the World

March 2022

Hungarian Dance no. 5	Johannes Brahms
Slavonic Dance no. 8	Antonin Dvorak
Danzon no. 2	Arturo Marquez
Suite of Dances	Florence Price
The Beautiful Blue Danube	Johann Strauss
Firebird Suite	Igor Stravinsky
Berceuse, Danse Inferno, Finale	
Swan Lake	
Act 1 Scene 10	Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Creating Orchestral Fairy Tales

October 2022

Carmen Suite No. 1	Georges Bizet
I. Prélude & Aragonaise	
Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1	Edvard Grieg
I. Morning	
The Moldau	Bedřich Smetana
Symphony No. 2 in D Major	Jean Sibelius
II. Andante; ma rubato	
Siegfried Idyll	Richard Wagner
Caucasian Sketches, Suite No. 1	Mikhail Ippolito-Ivanov
II. In the Village	
Overture to William Tell	Gioachino Rossini
Symphony No. 3, op. 56 in A minor (Scottish)	Felix Mendelssohn
II. Vivace non troppo	
Overture to The Barber of Seville	Gioachino Rossini

Pops Performances

<i>Serpentine Fire</i> - The Music of Earth Winds and Fire (Produced by Serpentine Fire)	October 2023
<i>The Beatles Revolution</i> - The Music of The Beatles (Produced by Jeff Tyzik)	June 2023
<i>Memorial Day Concert</i>	May 2023
<i>Disco Inferno</i> (Produced by Spot On Entertainment)	April 2023
<i>Indigo Girls</i> - Live performance with the Indigo Girls	April 2023
<i>Country Legends</i> - The Music of Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers (Produced by Spot On Entertainment)	February 2023
<i>Queens of Soul</i> - The Music of Aretha Franklin and Tina Turner (Produced by Spot On Entertainment)	February 2023
<i>Lush Life</i> - The Music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn (Produced by Jeff Tyzik)	January 2023

Performed with Student Ensembles

- Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras

Jacoby Hall, Jacksonville, FL

Scheherazade	Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov	April 2023
Symphony no. 8	Antonín Dvořák	February 2023
Lincoln Portrait	Aaron Copland	November 2022
Enlightened City	Robert Paterson	November 2022
Finale from Symphony no. 2	Pyotr Tchaikovsky	November 2022
Allegretto from Symphony no. 7	Ludwig van Beethoven	November 2022

- Eastman School Symphony Orchestra

Kodak Hall, Rochester, NY

Guitar Concerto No. 1	Antonio Giuliani	April 2022
An American in Paris	George Gershwin	February 2022
Symphony no. 2 mvt. 2	Florence Price	February 2022
Danzon no. 2	Arturo Márquez	February 2022
Symphony no. 2	Chevalier de Saint George, Joseph Bologne	November 2021
Darker America	William Grant Still	November 2021
Le Tombeau de Couperin	Maurice Ravel	April 2021
Bassoon Concerto in C Major	Antonio Vivaldi	March 2021

- Empire Film and Media Ensemble

Rochester, NY

Ethel, Live to Picture **September 2022**

Kilbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York

A full presentation of Miriam Cutler's score to Ethel performed live to picture. Conducted with punches and streamers

HBO's Ethel Miriam Cutler

Visual Music 4.0 **February 2022**

Kilbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York

A multi-media performance featuring film scores with original media. This presentation featured distinguished Eastman faculty and alum such as Professor Mark Watters, Dave Rivello, and Jeff Beal.

Go for the Moon Jeff Beal

Story Time LIVE **March 2020**

Strong Museum of Play, Rochester, New York

A multi-media performance featuring music that sets classic children's literature. Each work was accompanied by a narrator and moving illustrations.

Alice in Wonderland	Danny Elfman arr. Grant O'Brien
The Hobbit for soprano and narrator	Mark Watters
Peter Pan (Suite for orchestra and narrator)	James Newton Howard

The Flower City Show**October 2019****UUU Art Collective, Rochester, New York***A performance of six independent films scores performed by a thirteen-piece ensemble live to picture.*

“Aquarium” from Carnival of the Animals	Camille Saint Saëns arr. Grant O’Brien
PUSH (premiere)	Grant O’Brien
Out of the Box	Garrett Reynolds

Music of Bernard Herrmann**January 2018****Kilbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York***A multi-media performance featuring the music of the renowned film composer Bernard Herrmann.*

The Storm Clouds Cantata	Sir Arthur Benjamin, arr. Bernard Herrmann
Suite from “Psycho”	Bernard Herrmann (Live to Picture)
Suite from “Vertigo”	Bernard Herrmann (Live to Picture)

EFaME’s Holiday Spectacular Live on WXXI Classical 91.5**December 2017****WXXI Studio A Stage, Rochester, New York***A program of holiday film music. This was recorded for broadcast in front of a live studio audience.*

Suite from “Nightmare Before Christmas”	Danny Elfman arr. by Jake Denny
Merry Christmas Charlie Brown	Vince Guaraldi arr. for orchestra by Max Berlin
Main Title from “Elf”	John Debney
Harry Potter	John Williams

Songs of the Valiant**November 2017****Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York***A charity concert for the Wounded Warrior Project featuring music from films and television series about our armed forces*

Adagio for Strings from “Platoon”	Samuel Barber
“Nimrod” from Enigma Variations from “Dunkirk”	Edward Elgar
Hymn to the Fallen from “Saving Private Ryan”	John Williams
Stars and Stripes Forever	John Philip Sousa

TERRA**April 2017****Reformation Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York***A multi-media charity concert for the local organization, Seed Folk City Farms. This performance featured music that comments on nature or is sets pastoral themes.*

Symphony no. 6 mvts. V and VI	Ludwig van Beethoven
Song to the Moon from “Rusalka”	Antonín Dvořák
Vessels from “Koyaanisqatsi”	Philip Glass (Live to Picture)
The Lark Ascending	Ralph Vaughan Williams

Saturday Morning Cartoons on a Sunday Afternoon**October 2016****Strong National Museum of Play, Rochester, New York***A family concert featuring live performances of scores from cartoons with live narration, illustration, and film.*

Tiny Toons Theme	Bruce Broughton
Winnie the Pooh’s Heffalump Halloween	Mark Watters