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Education

University of Miami, Frost School of Music

Miami, FL

Doctor of Musical Arts in Viola Performance, May 2011

Primary Advisor: Pamela McConnell, Professor of Viola

Document Topic: "York Bowen's Viola Concerto: A Methodology of Study"

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting, May 2004

Graduate Certificate in Viola Performance, May 2004

Primary Teachers: Dr. William Wiedrich, Professor of Conducting and Kathie

Aagaard, Professor of Viola

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, FL

Bachelor of Music Education, (Voice, Violin and Viola), May 2002

Primary Teachers: Dr. Patricia Fleitas, Professor of Choral and Vocal Studies, Dr.

Eric Thomas, Professor of Voice and Ms. Rebecca Lautar, Professor of Violin and Viola

Teaching Experience

Brentwood Baptist Church

2011-2013; Brentwood, TN

- Assisted Mr. Lawrence in rehearsals of Young Strings and Student Orchestra.
- Taught violin and viola lessons at Brentwood Worshiping Arts Center (BWAC).

University of Miami Young Musician's Camp

Summers of 2009-2012; Miami, FL

- Responsible for teaching courses in conducting, chamber music, orchestral literature, vocal technique, music theory and string technique. Various levels of experience taught from beginner through advanced.

Greater Miami Youth Symphony Summer Music Camp

Summer 2009; Miami, FL

- Taught courses in chamber music and viola ensemble.

Luzerne Music Center Summer Music Camp

Summer 2008; Lake Luzerne, NY

- Taught violin and viola individual private lessons, courses in chamber music.
- Performed faculty concerts, including performances of Brahms Sextet No. 2 in G Major and Dvorak's *American* Quartet.

University of Miami, Frost Symphony Orchestra

2008-2011; Miami, FL

- Led viola sectionals when sitting as section principal

Private Teaching

2004-Present; Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Nashville.

- Taught individual private lessons to students of all ages and levels.

University of South Florida, University Symphony Orchestra

2002-2004; Tampa, FL

- As a graduate conducting student, led the University Symphony Orchestra in rehearsals and performances and led viola sectionals during this time at USF.
- Tutored individual undergraduate students in the fundamentals of music theory
- Taught lessons in various music theory concepts to undergraduate music theory class as part of Teaching of Music Theory course (MUT 6751)

First Christian Church of Wilton Manors

1994-2002; Wilton Manors, FL

- As a member of the choir and music ministry, led men's sectionals, choir rehearsals and directed choir on select Sundays.

Orchestral Experience

Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra

2011-Present; Chattanooga

- Section Violin and Viola Substitute

Murfreesboro Symphony Orchestra

2011-Present; Murfreesboro

- Section Violin and Viola

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra

2011-Present; Huntsville

- Section Violin and Viola Substitute

Symphony of the Americas

2006-2011; Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 2006-2008: Section Viola and Violin Substitute
- 2008-2010: Section Viola
- 2010-2011: Section Second Violin

Palm Beach Pops

2008–2011; West Palm Beach, FL

- 2008-2009: Section Viola
- 2009-2011: Section Violin and Viola Substitute

Miami Symphony Orchestra

2008-2011; Miami, FL

- Section Viola and Violin Substitute

Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra

2006-2008; Mount Dora, FL

- Section Viola and Violin

Miami City Ballet

2006; Miami, FL

- Section Viola

Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra

2004-2006; Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Section Viola

Palm Beach Opera

2004-2006; Palm Beach, FL

- Section Viola Substitute

Palm Beach Pops

2004-2006; Palm Beach, FL

- Section Viola and Violin Substitute

Florida West Coast Symphony

2004-Present; Sarasota, FL

- Section Viola Substitute

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

2003-2004; Port Charlotte, FL

- Section Viola

Central Florida Symphony Orchestra

2003-2006; Ocala, FL

- Section Viola

Space Coast Pops Orchestra

2003-2005; Cocoa, FL

- Section Violin and Viola Substitute

Opera Tampa

2003-2004; Tampa, FL

- Section Viola

Vocal and Choral Experience

First Christian Church of Wilton Manors

1992-2002; Wilton Manors, FL

- Chancel Choir, Living Sacrifice (8-part Contemporary vocal ensemble), Cornerstone (Men's vocal Quartet), Chalice (8-part Classical vocal Ensemble)

University of South Florida Men's Glee

1998-1999; Tampa, FL

- Baritone

Florida Atlantic University Chamber Singers

1999-2002; Boca Raton, FL

- Baritone

Broadway Experience

Monty Python's Spamalot

Summer 2005; Schubert Theatre, NY

- Viola

Phantom of the Opera

Summer 2005; Majestic Theatre, NY

- Viola

Performances with Pop Artists

Mariah Carey, Irish Tenors, Mannheim Steamroller, Rod Stewart, Aretha Franklin, Robert Goulet, Shirley Jones, Bebe Neuwirth, Bernadette Peters, Queensryche, Dennis DeYoung of Styx, Bob McGrath, Kenny Rogers, Donna Summer, Johnny Mathis, Steve and Eydie, TransSiberian Orchestra, Michael W. Smith, Alan Parsons Project, Anne Murray, Steve Green, Larnelle Harris, Sandi Patty.

Tours and Special Honors

Mantovani Orchestra China Tour

2008, 2010, 2012; Beijing, Wuhan, Shezhen, Shanghai

- Section Violin and Viola

Mantovani Orchestra U.S. Christmas Tour

2005, 2007, 2009; across the U.S.

- Section Violin and Viola

Florida Atlantic University Chamber Singers European Tour

2000; Prague and Vienna

- Baritone

MENC National Collegiate Orchestra

2000; Washington, D.C.

- Section Violin

Recording Experience

- Played viola on the soundtrack for the ESPN series “30 for 30” episode “The U”.
- Played viola for Clydesdale 2012 Christmas and Easter projects.
- Played violin solos for two songs arranged by David Hamilton on the “The Story”.
- Played violin and viola on Playstation soundtrack recordings at Ocean Way studio.
- Assisted in editing and bowing string parts for various David Hamilton arrangements.

References

Aaron Kula, Director of Music Performance & Education

Music Director of Klezmer Company Orchestra

Florida Atlantic University Libraries

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Dr. Eric Thomas, Assistant Professor of Voice and Director of Opera & Musical Theater

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