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EDUCATION

The Juilliard School

Master of Music, Violoncello Performance

August 2024-May 2026

Cleveland Institute of Music

Bachelor of Music, Violoncello Performance

August 2020-May 2024

TEACHING POSITIONS

Private Studio

2017-present

- Uses an individualistic approach to nurture students, prioritizing the development of the ear through audiation activities and reflection.
- Applies Suzuki training on the fundamentals to a wide selection of repertoire and activities.
- Maintained an online studio during the 2020 Pandemic, devising creative ways to keep students engaged on Zoom via videos and virtual activities to inspire a love for music greater than just cello playing.

Juilliard Morse Teaching Artist Fellowship

2024-2026

- Studied and applied frameworks such as Social-Emotional Learning and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy.
- Interviewed three teachers on their approaches to bow technique and presented an analysis of their similarities and differences.
- Shadowed teachers in the Music Advancement Program through the MAP/Morse Exchange.

City and Country School,

Teaching Assistant

2025-2026

- Demographic: West Village private school, ages 10-12
- Conducted sectionals weekly for beginner and upper school orchestras.
- Substitute-taught both classes, conducting 20+ students and teaching repertoire and technique through creative activities.

Harmony Program at Yung Wing School, P.S. 124

Teaching Assistant

2025-2026

- Demographic: Chinatown after school program, ages 8-9
- Co-led classes weekly, working with colleagues to develop games to engage young students.
- Led breakout groups to work with students requiring extra support.
- Practiced behavioral management skills to create an environment at once joyfully collaborative and conducive to learning.

Opportunity Music Project

Teaching Assistant

2024-2025

- Demographic: East Harlem magnet program, primarily ages 11-16.
- Conducted sectionals weekly for the intermediate and advanced orchestras.
- Designed creative and engaging lesson plans tailored to the needs of the students.
- Furthers the program's mission to make music accessible to all by lending an ear to students' musical and academic endeavors outside of OMP.

TEACHING PROJECTS

Juilliard Gluck Community Service Fellowship

2025-2026

- Designed and brought a highly interactive and adaptable program on classical and folk music to twelve New York City community centers, retirement homes, hospices, and hospitals.

Cleveland Montessori School

November 2023

- Demographic: preschool through lower elementary age groups.
- Planned and presented an educational program on classical music, including an interactive demonstration of the cello and a sing-along.

National Repertory Orchestra

Summer 2023

- Designed and performed a concert teaching concepts of rhythm to a multi-age audience through interactive activities that connected classical and contemporary music, from Jesse Montgomery to Brahms.

Cleveland Cello School

Fall 2022

- Demographic: 3- to 9-year-olds in the Pre-Twinkle and Book 1 levels.
- Led portions of six group classes.

COMPLETED TEACHER TRAINING

Suzuki: Every Child Can!

Fall 2022

Suzuki: Unit 1 Cello

Fall 2022

SELECTED PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Full music resumé available upon request

New York String Orchestra Seminar

December 2023,2024

Associate Principal Cello

- Performed two sold-out concerts in Carnegie Hall.
- Received intensive chamber music coaching from top performers and pedagogues.

CIM Advanced Piano Trio Program

2021-2023

- Worked with prominent composers such as Joan Tower and Arseniy Gusev.
- Toured six retirement homes in Michigan and made monthly appearances in venues around Cleveland.
- Received intensive chamber music coaching through this audition-only program.

National Repertory Orchestra

**Summers
2023-2024**

- Performed 20 different programs over the course of 8 weeks each summer, including Pops and Masterwork series.

Lancaster Festival Orchestra

Summer 2022

- Performed family concerts, pop shows, and masterwork series.

Cleveland Cello Society Competition

April 2022

Silver Medalist