

KAREN E. BALLENGEE

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CLARINET INSTRUCTOR

Summary of Qualifications

- Proven teacher with 28 years of experience for individuals and small to large groups.
- Performed in groups in 23 countries and 18 states.
- Proficient in clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, flute, and oboe.

Key Competencies

Training/Teaching

- Taught master classes for over 1000 elementary, middle, and high school music students, enhancing their music programs and fostering positive community relations.
- Instructed 50 private students; many were first chair in their schools, made county, region, and state honor bands and earned superior ratings at solo and ensemble contests. One high school student was selected for the Lift Clarinet Academy in Colorado and four students majored in music in college.
- Coached junior musicians to practice more efficiently, enabling the full ensemble to prepare 20 pieces at performance level quality in less than four weeks in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan.
- Established goals for private music students and created instructional plans to help students reach their goals.
- Gathered information on music technologies and developed a plan to integrate three technologies into the instrumental music curriculum.
- Designed and developed a clarinet studio syllabus to introduce students to the clarinet studio, determine student and parent needs, and inform them of studio expectations.

Music Performance

- Performed for audiences in the millions, including nationally televised events such as Major League Baseball, the 60th and 65th Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy in France, and the funeral of Senator Barry Goldwater.
- Volunteered over 100 hours with the Roadside Theater in Heidelberg Germany. Performed reed book (clarinet, flute, piccolo, alto sax, tenor sax, bass clarinet) for HELLO, DOLLY! and SEUSSICAL.
- Performed in army bands on clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, and saxophone in concert, marching, jazz and small ensembles in 23 countries and 18 states.
- Participated as a soloist in a 2017 Relay for Life fundraising recital.
- Selected to play the Mozart Clarinet Concerto with the 36th Army Band for two major concerts.

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Employment History

Musician, Army Music Program

Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Heidelberg, Germany
Fort McPherson, Georgia
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

1996-2016

2012-2016
2010-2012
2004-2010
2001-2004
1998-2001

Instructor (Clarinet/Flute), Private Studio

Lawton, Oklahoma
Sierra Vista, Arizona

1998-2016

2012-2016
1998-2001

Instructor (Clarinet), McEachern High School Conservatory

Powder Springs, Georgia

2002-2004

Instructor (Clarinet/Saxophone), Machen Music

Hagerstown, Maryland

1992-1996

Student Teacher, Hedgesville High School Band

Hedgesville, West Virginia

1996

Education

Master of Education, Instructional Technology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

2014

Bachelor of Arts, Music Education, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV

1996

Teachers

Edward Palanker, Dr. Lisa Oberlander, Jerry Kirkbride, Dr. Farrell Coy, (clarinet)
Dr. Farrell Coy, Dr. Lisa Oberlander (saxophone)
Dr. Carolyn Keyes, Dr. Andre Martin, Betsy Hill (flute)
Alyssa McKeithen, Greg Shook (oboe)

Awards

- Principal Clarinetist, Shepherd University Wind Ensemble
- *Phi Kappa Phi* Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- SALUTE Veterans Honor Society
- *Kappa Delta Pi* Education Honor Society
- *Phi Theta Kappa* Honor Society

Professional Associations

- Commonwealth Winds
- Hagerstown Municipal Band
- Williamsport Community Band
- Atlanta Wind Symphony
- Cameron University (OK) Flute Choir
- International Clarinet Association
- *Sigma Alpha Iota* Music Fraternity