

Vo Tran Phuong Giang (Giang Vo)

Violinist & Conductor

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Education

- BM, violin performance: Oklahoma City University, 2022 (*summa cum laude*)
- Conducting Fellow: Conductor's Institute of South Carolina, 2021
- High school diploma, violin emphasis: Classen School of Advanced Studies, 2018 (*valedictorian*)

Instructors

- **Violin:**
 - Benjamin Shute (OCU)
 - Sophia Ro (OCU)
 - Peter Nguyen (student of Ivan Galamian and Sergiu Luca)
 - Masterclasses with Noah Bendix-Balgley and Sheryl Staples
- **Conducting:**
 - Alexander Mickelthwait (Music Director, Oklahoma City Philharmonic)
 - Jeffrey Grogan (Professor of conducting, Orchestra Director, OCU)
- **Harpsichord/Early Music:**
 - Anastasia Abu Bakar (OCU)

Conducting/Directing experience

- **Guest conductor**, Vitam Musica Chamber Orchestra (July 2022)
 - Directed works of Beethoven, Brahms, and Dvořák with concerto soloists
- **Apprentice Conductor**, Oklahoma City Philharmonic (2021-22)
 - Duties included preparing scores, attending rehearsals and concerts, and giving feedback to the music director after every rehearsal on matters of balance, intonation, style, etc.
- **Conducting Fellow**, Conductor's Institute of South Carolina, 2021
 - Studied and directed works of Schubert, Weber, Brahms, Dvořák, Bond, Hart, and Larsen
- **Student leader** (from the violin), OCU Early Music Ensemble, spring 2022
- **Graduate Conducting Seminar**, OCU, 2021-22
 - I was invited by professor Grogan to participate in the seminar while finishing up my undergraduate degree
- Organized and conducted various *ad hoc* ensembles in works of Mozart, Beethoven, and Elgar as well as my own compositions

Violin performance experience

- **Early Music Ensemble**
Corelli (Op.6/4), Bach (BMV 1043), Mozart (KV 219), and Schmelzer's *Harmonia à 5*
- **Professional chamber music experience** with Tactus Chamber Ensemble and Vitam Musica
Chamber works performed at OCU include sextets by Brahms (No. 1) and Tchaikovsky
- **Professional orchestral experience**
Vitam Musica Chamber Orchestra
section violinist, 2018-present
OCU Symphony Orchestra
Professionally contracted to supplement the violin section, 2022-23
- **Student orchestral experience**
OCU Symphony Orchestra, 2018-22
Various Concertmaster, Associate Concertmaster, and Principal 2nd
OCU Early Music Ensemble, 2020-22
Various co-leader/soloist, concertmaster, principal 2nd
Oklahoma All-State Orchestra, 2017, 2018
Section violin I
Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, 2017-18
Section violin I

Teaching experience

- **Frenchwoods Festival of the Performing Arts**, summer 2019
Violin/viola instructor
Also served as principal violin for the festival's various pit orchestras and musical productions
- **Private studio**, 2018-present
Students range from young beginners to advanced high-schoolers