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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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INSTRUCTOR OF VIOLIN.....8/2016- 8/2018

*Indianapolis Suzuki Academy*

- Give weekly 30 to 60 minute private lessons to a students ages 4 – 28
- Teach three weekly 50 minute group classes; a beginner class (ages 4-10), intermediate class (ages 6-13), and advanced class (ages 11- 14)
- Work with students on Suzuki repertoire as well as repertoire outside of the Suzuki books
- Coach multiple chamber groups of varying skill levels and ages
- Member of Resident Ensemble

PRIVATE TEACHER (LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE) 9/2013 – 12/2013

*Western Springs School of Talent Education (WSSTE), Western Springs, IL and Naperville Suzuki School (NSS), Naperville, IL*

- Was the long term substitute for the studio of Mr. Edward Kreitman.
- Gave 30 to 60 minute private lessons and occasionally taught 30 minute group classes.
- Worked with students on Suzuki repertoire as well as repertoire outside of the Suzuki books, preparing them for recitals, seating auditions for school orchestras, and auditions for the *Allegro!!!* Ensemble, an elite performance ensemble comprised of students from WSSTE and the NSS.
- Worked with students ages 5 and up; including beginners to advanced students.

PRIVATE COACH 8/2008 – 6/2009

*Chicago and Surrounding Suburbs*

- Coached students from WSSTE and NSS in weekly 60 minute one-on-one sessions
- Prepared the student for their weekly lesson with their regular teacher by working with them on any technical or musical questions they had and guiding their daily practice time.
- Worked with students on any music they needed to prepare for lessons, rehearsals, Solo and Ensemble performances, or other performances.

ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR OF ALLEGRO!!! ENSEMBLE 8/2007- 6/2008

*Western Springs School of Talent Education (WSSTE), Western Springs, IL*

- Auditioned and selected 16 students to be members of the Allegro!!! Ensemble
- Ran sectionals and co-ran rehearsals with the 16 member student ensemble
- Arranged two, three and four part music specifically for the Allegro!!! Ensemble
- Coordinated rehearsal spaces, equipment set up, and agenda for all rehearsals
- Acted as the liaison between WSSTE and the facility management
- Organized international travel accommodations for the director and 50 students and chaperones

## **EDUCATION**

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University of Memphis	Memphis, Tennessee
<i>Artist Diploma in Violin</i>	2011-2013
<i>Masters of Music, Violin Performance</i>	2009-2011

University of Hartford, Hartt School of Music	West Hartford, Connecticut
<i>Bachelors of Music, Violin Performance</i>	2005-2007

Lawrence University	Appleton, Wisconsin
<i>Studies in Violin Performance</i>	2003-2005