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ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Montclair, NJ

String Department Assistant/Advertisement, August 2025-Present

- Provided applied viola instruction to students assigned by the Professor of Viola, supporting student technical and musical development
- Supported String Department operations through concert program preparation, jury form coordination, and Immersive Residency event logistics
- Acted as Stage Manager and coordinated stage protocols for String and Chamber Music related events.
- Coordinated stage plots are distributed prior to coordinated events while ensuring that equipment is all present.
- Managed departmental promotional initiatives by photographing rehearsals, concerts, and events for marketing and archival use
- Oversaw weekly Friday content creation and posting for the department's Facebook and Instagram accounts
- Conducted research and outreach for advertising and promotional opportunities to increase visibility of the String Department and its events
- Assisted with event planning, scheduling, and general administrative support for the String Department

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY, San Francisco, CA

Assistant to the Orchestral Librarian, August 2022-May 2024

- Managed acquisition, preparation, and distribution of scores and parts
- Marked bowings, edits, and cuts in collaboration with conductors and principals
- Organized and maintained music library catalog and archives
- Coordinated sheet music for rehearsals and performances
- Handled score returns, corrections, and updates for future use

BLACKBOX-VR GYM, San Francisco, CA

Trainer and Front Administration, September 2022-2024

- Guided members through virtual reality fitness workouts using resistance training systems
- Provided IT support for online systems, computers, and network-related technical issues
- Delivered customer service, scheduling, and membership support
- Maintained, sanitized, and organized VR equipment and training stations
- Organized monthly BlackBox member events and recruiting

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY, Jacksonville, FL

Personnel Manager/Orchestra Assistant, August 2018–2022

- Coordinate and manage all musician scheduling for rehearsals, performances, and services
- Serve as the primary liaison between musicians, conductors, and administrative staff
- Assisted the Orchestra Director with concert engagement planning, scheduling, and event coordination
- Track attendance, manage absences, and secure substitute or extra musicians as needed
- Mediate and resolve personnel-related concerns in a professional and confidential manner
- Support touring logistics, including travel arrangements and itineraries for musicians

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY, Jacksonville, FL

Orchestral Librarian, August 2018–2022

- Coordinated logistics, ensuring efficient scheduling and operations
- Managed and maintained the orchestra music library, including cataloging, organizing, and preparing scores and parts
- Oversaw the distribution, collection, and tracking of all sheet music for rehearsals and performances
- Ensured all performance materials were prepared, marked, and distributed on time

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY, Jacksonville, FL

Concert Hall Manager, August 2019–2022

- Directed daily concert hall operations and event execution
- Managed scheduling and artist/vendor coordination
- Supervised front-of-house, box office, and event staff
- Oversaw venue logistics, technical setup, and production needs
- Resolved patron concerns while ensuring a high-quality audience experience

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCES

ADELPHI ORCHESTRA, NJ/NYC (2025-Present)

(Section)

NEWBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Newburgh, NY (2025-Present)

(Substitute)

MONTCLAIR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Montclair, NJ (2025-Present)

CLASSICAL TAHOE, Tahoe, NV (2025)

(Fellow)

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET, San Francisco, CA (2024-2025)

(Fellowship/Substitute)

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY, San Francisco, CA (2022-2025)

CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Oakland, CA (2025)

(Substitute)

STOCKTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Stockton, CA (2024-2025)

(Substitute)

MODESTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Modesto, CA (2024-2025)

(Substitute)

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA, Jacksonville, FL (2018-2022)

(Principal Viola)

NICARAGUA SYMPHONY, Managua, Nicaragua (2016)

(Section/Substitute)

EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

WHARTON ARTS, Berkeley Heights, NJ

Violin/Viola Faculty, January 2026-Present

BERGEN COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, Bergen, NJ

Violin/Viola Faculty, January 2026-Present

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Montclair, NJ

Teaching Assistant, August 2025-Present

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ADVENTURES IN MUSIC, San Francisco, CA

Lead Musician, August 2023-2025

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY BRIDGE TO ARTS AND MUSIC, San Francisco, CA

Collegiate Teaching Artist, August 2024-2025

EDUCATION

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Montclair, NJ (2025-2027)

Artist Diploma

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY, San Francisco, CA (2024-2025)

Professional Certificate

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY, San Francisco, CA (2022-2024)

Masters in Viola Performance

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY, Jacksonville, FL (2018-2022)

Bachelors in Music Performance

PRINCIPAL TEACHERS

Kathryn Lockwood - Montclair State University

Yun Jie Liu - San Francisco Conservatory

Dr. Renate Faulkner – University of North Florida

Dr. Marguerite Richardson - Jacksonville University

AWARDS AND HONORS

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET - Fellowship

San Francisco Symphony Adventures in Music - Lead Musician

Kings Peak International Music Competition - Top Prize

REFERENCES

Kathryn Lockwood – Montclair State University

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