


Lauren Culver

STRING ORCHESTRA EDUCATOR

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EDUCATION

Master of Music / Music Education, Orchestra

University of Oregon
2017 – 2018
Eugene, OR

Master of Music / Viola Performance and Pedagogy

University of Oregon
2015 – 2017
Eugene, OR

Bachelor of Arts / Music (viola), Concentration in Management Studies

St. Olaf College
2011 – 2015
Northfield, MN

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Proficient on violin, viola, cello, and bass
- SmartMusic
- Suzuki Pedagogy & Philosophy
- Student-centered learning
- Conducting
- Historically informed practices
- Canvas (online learning platform)

WORK EXPERIENCE

High School & Middle School Orchestra Teacher

Kentlake High School & Cedar Heights Middle School,
Kent School District, 2019 - Present

- Rehearsed the two levels of orchestras and the secondary jazz band at the high school for concerts and contests
- Organized and directed recruitment concerts/visits at elementary schools
- Prepared the 7th and 8th grade orchestra at the middle school for concerts as well as taught skills needed for high school ensembles (shifting, vibrato, sight-reading, music theory)
- Develop curriculum and taught a general music class at the middle school level which focused on musical topics including music history, genre studies, world music, and music careers
- Rehearsed and prepared the high school pit orchestra for the musical

Long Term Substitute Teacher – Music Specialist

A.G. Bell Elementary, Lake Washington School District,
May 2019 – June 2019

- Developed and presented music lessons covering a wide range of topics including recorder performance and orchestral instruments
- Prepared and presented musical programs for both first grade and kindergarten students

Elementary Orchestra Teacher

Various Elementary Schools, Salem-Keizer Public Schools,
September 2018 – December 2018

- Started and taught beginning fourth graders on string instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass) in the West Salem, Oregon area at three elementary schools

Student Teaching

South Salem High School, Salem-Keizer Public Schools,
September 2018 – December 2018

- Completed student teaching at South Salem High School with Damian Berdakin
- Conducted rehearsals for four different levels of string orchestras
- Taught a comprehensive music theory unit regarding key signatures

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American String Teachers Association

Suzuki Association of the Americas

National Association for Music Education

Washington Music Education Association

WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Graduate Teaching Fellow

University of Oregon & Community Music Institute, 2015 – 2018
Teaching Assistant, String Techniques

- Provided elementary and intermediate instruction in pedagogy and performance of string instruments to music education students (graduate and undergraduate)

Instructor, Basic Performance Strings – Viola

- Provided beginning to intermediate level individual instruction for undergraduate and graduate students

Individual and Group Instructor (Violin/Viola)

- I provided individual instruction for violin and viola lessons (ages 3 to adult) and instruct weekly group violin classes from ages 3 to 12 years
- Provided instruction based on the Suzuki philosophy

Rhapsody Orchestra Conductor & Chamber Ensemble Coach

- Programed and rehearsed grade 1-2 music for performance (after 10 weeks)
- Coached middle school to high school students in string ensembles (quartets, quintets, and sextets)
- Taught ensemble skills (listening, part independence, bowings strategies)

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

- Eugene Symphony Orchestra, Eugene, Oregon, 2015-2018
- Oregon Mozart Players, Eugene, Oregon, 2016-2018
- Eugene Concert Orchestra, Eugene, Oregon, 2016-2018
- Britt Festival Orchestra, Jacksonville, Oregon, 2016
- Milano Classica Orchestra da Camera, Milan, Italy, 2014

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon (2015-2018) in Eugene, Oregon
- Britt Festival Orchestra Fellow (2016) in Jacksonville, Oregon
- Presenter at the Suzuki Association of the America's Biennial Conference (2018) in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- String Adjudicator for the OMEA District XI Solo & Ensemble Festival (2017) in Corvallis, Oregon