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SCOT RANDALL WARD

MUSIC EDUCATOR

EDUCATION

August 2020 – May 2024 George Mason University
Fairfax, VA
Ph.D. Candidate, Music Education
Recipient of 2020 GMU Presidential Scholarship for Visual and
Performing Arts

George Mason University
Fairfax, VA
M.M. Pedagogy
Principal Cellist of GMU Symphony, Conductor of GMU Lab
Orchestra. Extensive study of string pedagogy including
development of a thorough bowing technique curriculum sequencing
from *detache'* through artist level techniques. Presented a lecture
recital on the bowing techniques in the first movement of
Beethoven's Sonata for Piano and Cello op. 110 No. 2. Directed
string orchestra of undergraduate and graduate students performing
on secondary instruments.

East Carolina University
Greenville, NC
B.M. Cello Performance
Principal Cellist of East Carolina Symphony and Chamber Orchestra.
Prizewinner in ASTA String Quartet competition. Research on
Russian, German, French, and American pedagogical traditions.

DIRECTOR AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

May 2018 – present Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra
Washington, D.C.
Music Director
Director of WMCO, a full symphony orchestra for students in grades
6-10. Duties include conducting ensemble in rehearsal and
performance, recruitment, scheduling venues for rehearsals and
performances, accounting for tuition, auditions, and all operations of
the ensemble. Member of 2020 Super (Em)Powers Consortium to
commission Brian Balmages' piece dedicated to empowering
students with special needs through music and relationships.

August 2014 – present Fairfax County Public Schools
Fairfax County, VA
Itinerant Music Teacher, Strings
Director of strings programs at Garfield, Bucknell, and Springfield
Estates Elementary Schools. Increased enrollment at all three Title
I schools. Planned concerts, delivered lessons in accordance with

FCPS Orchestra POS, maintained instrument inventory, and accounted for IFA instruments. Increased student participation in state and district orchestra events including Area Orchestra, Pyramid Concerts, and District X Solo and Ensemble Festival. Served as director of Edison Area Orchestra.

August 2017 – August 2019 Vienna Summer Strings
Vienna, VA

Faculty

Director of beginning and intermediate string ensembles, VBODA grade I-V. Lead group technique classes and coached orchestra sectionals to students in grades 4-10. Assigned students to appropriate orchestras based on age and level. Conducted the World Premiere of Dr. Mark Taylor's Mission to Mars for string orchestra in 2019.

August 2016 - Woodburn Summer Strings Camp
Alexandria, VA

Co-Director

Planned concert programs, coordinated rehearsal schedules and activities for full-day strings camp for students in grades 3-6. Supervised camp counselors and student interns. Served as conductor of full-camp orchestra.

July 2016 - Ovations Strings Academy
George Mason University

Faculty

Coached elite secondary school-aged string quartets and orchestras in preparation for performance. Students were members of area youth orchestra including American Youth Philharmonic and Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.

June 2015 – East Carolina University Chamber Music Institute
Greenville, NC

Faculty, Chamber Music Coach

Served as coach for highly selective chamber music program. Duties included directing rehearsals, supervision of secondary students on an active university campus, collaboration with faculty for multiple performances.

Spring 2014 – Annandale High School
Annandale, VA

GMU Graduate Student Internship

Conducted Annandale High School Concert (VBODA Grade III), Artiste (VBODA Grade IV/V), and Philharmonic Orchestras (VBODA Grade V/VI) in concert and daily classroom rehearsal. Assisted with fundraising, communication with parents, concert planning, and grading of written and performance assignments in Orchestra and International Baccalaureate music courses.

September 2011 – May 2015 Levine School of Music
Washington, D.C.

Suzuki Cello Faculty, Cello Faculty

Planned and taught weekly private and group cello lessons for students age 3-18. Served as adjudicator for all end of semester performance juries. Performances with Levine String Quartet. Students were prizewinners in district and regional events.

August 2013 – May 2015 GMU Potomac Arts Academy
Fairfax, VA

Teaching Artist, Cello

Planned and taught weekly private cello lessons to students age 3-18. Performed as member of faculty string quartet.

2011 – 2013 Carroll County String Project
Eldersburg, MD

Suzuki Cello Faculty

Planned and taught private cello lessons to students age 3-18. Served as adjudicator for all end of semester performance juries. Collaborated with faculty in recital planning and in performance.

Summer 2005,2006,2007 – North Carolina Suzuki Institute
Greenville, NC

Faculty, Chamber Music Coach, Dormitory Coordinator

Coached chamber ensembles of students aged 4-18. Served as overnight dormitory supervisor for secondary students on an active university campus.

2011 – present Guest Clinician/Adjudicator

American Youth Philharmonic, Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, Suzuki Association of the Greater Washington Area, Northern Virginia Music Teachers' Association, Loudon County Schools (VA), Alexandria City Schools (VA), and Pitt County Schools (NC).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Fairfax, VA

Graduate Research Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2017 – present Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association
Washington, D.C.

Member, Board of Directors

Serves on Board of Directors overseeing all operations of three symphony orchestras with an annual budget over a quarter-million dollars.

April 2020 – present Yehudi Menuhin International Violin
Competition

Richmond, VA

Orchestra Activities Committee

Serves on committee representing VASTA, VBODA, and VMEA to connect Virginia high school and middle school orchestra programs with the 2021 Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists. Duties include curriculum design, aligning lessons with Virginia Department of Education standards, action planning, and volunteer recruitment.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Solo appearances with Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, Stevie Wonder, Barry Manilow, Cellospeak's 16 Cellos Ensemble, Carolina Master Chorale, Christian Classical Singers, Hartsville Civic Chorale, and at Kennedy Center Millennium Stage.

April 2016 – June 2018 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic
Washington, D.C.

Principal Cellist, Musician Representative on Board of Directors
Gave the U.S. premiere of Ralph Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Sussex Folk Tunes for Cello and Orchestra in December 2017.

February 2014 - Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival
Greenville, N.C.

Alumni Guest Artist

Performed chamber music with Menuhin Competition winners Xiao-Dong Wang and Hye-Jin Kim, Ara Gregorian, and Emanuel Gruber.

August 2012- June 2014 Alexandria Symphony
Alexandria, VA
Section Cellist

August 2006 - May 2009 Long Bay Symphony
Myrtle Beach, SC
Section Cellist, appearances as principal

August 2005-May 2009 Fayetteville Symphony
Fayetteville, NC
Section Cellist, Musician Representative on Board of Directors

Performances in masterclasses for Paul Katz, Colin Carr, Timothy Eddy, Amit Peled, James Ehnes, Ittai Shapira, Xiao-Dong Wang, Hsin-Yun Huang, Misha Amory, Jeremy Denk, Adam Nieman, and members of the Cleveland, Brentano, Borromeo, Daedalus, and Cooperstown Quartets.

FESTIVALS/INTERNSHIPS

Summer 2005 - Mannes Beethoven Institute
New York, NY

Summer 2004 - Portland String Quartet Workshop
Waterville, ME

Summer 2003 - School for Strings

New York, NY
Summer 2002 – Garth Newel Music Center
Warm Springs, VA
Summer 2001 - Garth Newel Music Center
Warm Springs, VA
Summer 2001 – Summertrios Festival
Colgate, NY

REFERENCES

Ulysses James – (703) 799-8229 Music Director, Washington
Metropolitan Philharmonic
Angela Ammerman – (703) 642-4300 GMU Music Ed Professor,
Former Orchestra Director at Annandale High School
Mary Randolph – (703) 909-9676 Retired Principal, FCPS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American String Teachers Association
National Association for Music Education
Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association
Fairfax Orchestra Directors Association
Suzuki Association of the Americas
Suzuki Association of the Greater Washington Area
Northern Virginia Music Teachers' Association