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Education:

California Institute of the Arts May 2016
Valencia, CA
Master of Fine Arts in World Music Performance (emphasis in Percussion)

California State University Northridge May 2014
Northridge, CA
Bachelor of Music Performance (emphasis in Percussion)

University Teaching Experience:

California State University Northridge October 2017 – Present
Northridge, CA
Tabla Master Class

- Taught the history, culture, and theory of Hindustani music.
- Performed original North Indian Classical compositions/ragas.
- Demonstrated sounds, techniques, and fundamentals on tabla.
- Students participated by clapping and singing traditional North Indian rhythms.

California State University Northridge March 2017 – Present
Northridge, CA
World Music Class Guest Lecturer

- Created North Indian Classical music lesson plan.
- Taught the history, culture, and theory of Hindustani music.
- Performed original North Indian Classical compositions/ragas to class.
- Demonstrated sounds, techniques, and fundamentals on tabla.
- Students participated by clapping and singing traditional North Indian rhythms.

California State University Northridge October 2016
Northridge, CA
Music Entrepreneurship Guest Lecturer

- Taught business strategies for musicians that included communication skills, how to become professional musicians, and how to get work.
- Students became familiar with practical and successful ways of creating a career for themselves to be a more organized, responsible, and professional musician.

California Institute of the Arts January 2016 – May 2016
Valencia, CA
Private Music Instructor

- Created weekly lesson plans.
- Worked on advanced poly rhythmic concepts.
- Students wrote and performed original compositions using rhythmic guidelines in lessons.

High School Teaching Experience:

Saugus High School
Saugus, CA

June 2016 – Present

Assistant Band Director

- Achieved sweepstakes for the marching band in the 2019 competitive field season.
- Grew percussion studio up 50% in two years and as a result was awarded high percussion at SCSBOA field tournament in 2019.
- Built a strong and reliable curriculum that helped students get into four-year universities.
- Helped raise over \$50,000 in fundraising events for the band program.
- Taught diverse student population in full band setting, small groups, and individually resulting in unanimous superiors at the 2018 SCSBOA large group festival.
- Aided individuals in preparing for auditions resulting in four students making the 2020 Tournament of Roses honor band.
- Fostered community relations with Remo Inc., Yamaha Corporation and Nick Rail Music.
- Oversee the instrumental music program (grades 9 – 12) of about 125 students, including wind concert ensembles, competitive marching band, jazz band, percussion ensemble and salsa band coursework.
- Rehearse, coach, and/or conduct ensembles in preparation for concert, competitive, and festival performances spanning over 11 months; 10 – 15 hours/week outside of school day in the academic year.
- Created a salsa band and a percussion program with curriculum and lesson plans.
- Writer and arranger for marching band, salsa band, jazz combos, and percussion ensembles.

South Pointe Middle School
Walnut, CA

September 2009 – May 2011

Percussion Manager of Music Dept.

- Responsible for providing organization and management of music department for school.
- Establish and maintain all student accounts.
- Arrange/Compose music for student productions.
- Ensure all students were properly progressing in musical ability.
- Schedule daily agenda for students.

Edison High School
Huntington Beach, CA

September 2009 – May 2011

Percussion Director

- Front Ensemble Coordinator.
- Trained all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Composed and arranged music for student productions.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.

Redlands East Valley High School
Redlands, CA

September 2008 – May 2011

Percussion Director

- 1st Place winners in SCSBOA Championship 2010.
- Front Ensemble Coordinator.
- Trained all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Composed and arranged music for student productions.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.
- Writer and arranger for marching band, and percussion ensembles.

California High School
Whittier, CA

September 2009– May 2011

Percussion Instructor

- Train all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.

Schurr High School
Montebello, CA

September 2004 – May 2011

Percussion Director

- Front Ensemble Coordinator.
- Trained all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Composed and arranged music for student productions.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.
- Writer and arranger for marching band, and percussion ensembles.

La Mirada High School
La Mirada, CA

September 2004 – May 2008

Percussion Director

- Front Ensemble Coordinator.
- Trained all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Composed and arranged music for student productions.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.

Azusa High School
Azusa, CA

September 2003– May 2011

Percussion Director

- 1st Place winners in SCSBOA Championship 2010
- Front Ensemble Coordinator.
- Trained all students on fundamentals of musicianship and theory.
- Composed and arranged music for student productions.
- Responsible for conducting all sectionals and rehearsals.
- Writer and arranger for marching band, and percussion ensembles.

Music Production Experience:

California State University Northridge
Northridge, CA

December 2011 – May 2014

Concert Production Manager of Music Dept.

- Established and maintained 150 student accounts.
- Scheduled daily agenda for over 200 students, staff, and faculty.
- Responsible for coordinating productions, planning logistics with public relations, and liaison between faculty, students, performers, and technicians.
- Designed and organized instrument storage facility.
- Responsible for hiring staff.
- Oversaw sound, lighting, house, and crew.

Mt. San Antonio College
Walnut, CA

September 2003 – September 2011

Manager of Music Dept.

- Responsible for providing organization and management of music department for school.
- Established and maintained all student accounts.
- Lighting/ Stagehand.

Performance Experience:

San Fernando Valley Master Chorale	April 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Presbyterian Church of Encino – Encino, CA	
The Hunger Games Trilogy Red Carpet Premier	May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Egyptian Theater – Hollywood, CA• Staples Center – Los Angeles, CA	
Martha Graham Foundation Music Accompanist	June 2014 – May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts – Northridge, CA	
LA Jewish Symphony	June 2014 – May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walt Disney Concert Hall – Los Angeles, CA• John Anson Ford Theater – Los Angeles, CA• The Broad Theater – Los Angeles, CA• Soka Performing Arts Center – Aliso Viejo, CA• The Saban Theater – Los Angeles, CA• American Jewish University – Los Angeles, CA	
The Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra	June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rabobank Arena Theater and Convention Center – Bakersfield, CA	
The Valencia Symphony Orchestra	October 2016 – August 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center – Santa Clarita, CA	
The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra	December 2016 – December 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Broad Stage – Santa Monica, CA	
International Connection	May 2015 – October 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Josh Linsky’s Graduation Recital in The Roy O. Disney Concert Hall – Santa Clarita, CA• Club Los Globos – West Hollywood, CA• Brand Blvd, Glendale Arts – Glendale, CA• Align Gallery – Highland Park, CA• Live @ Bedrock.LA Recording Session – Silverlake, CA• Great American Foodie Festival at Qualcomm Stadium – San Diego, CA• Avocado Festival at Angel City Brewery – Los Angeles, CA• Soho Music Club – Santa Barbra, CA• Slim’s – San Francisco, CA• Public House Theater – Sacramento, CA• Silverlake Lounge – Silverlake, CA• The Lost Knight – Echo Park, CA• Skirball Culture Center – Los Angeles, CA• Troubadour – West Hollywood, CA• Sainte Rock – Hermosa Beach, CA• Oktoberfest, Winston’s @ Ocean Beach – San Diego, CA	
Master of Fine Arts Graduation Recital	February 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Roy O. Disney Concert Hall – Santa Clarita, CA	
California Institute of the Arts World Percussion Ensemble	September 2014 – May 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wild Beast – Santa Clarita, CA• The Roy O. Disney Concert Hall – Santa Clarita, CA	
California Institute of the Arts Tabla Ensemble	September 2014 – May 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wild Beast – Santa Clarita, CA	
Bachelor of Music Senior Recital	March 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recital Hall – Northridge, CA	
The Los Angeles Doctors Symphony Orchestra	June 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cocoanut Grove Theatre Auditorium – Los Angeles, CA	

California State University Northridge Wind Ensemble	September 2011 – May 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts – Northridge, CA • Plaza del Sol Performance Hall – Northridge, CA • Knuth Hall – San Francisco, CA • CBDNA Conference at Nightingale Concert Hall – Reno, NV • McAfee Performing Arts & Lecture Center – Saratoga, CA 	
California State University Northridge Jazz Band	September 2011 – May 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts – Northridge, CA • Plaza del Sol Performance Hall – Northridge, CA • Recital Hall – Northridge, CA • Nightingale Concert Hall – Reno, NV • Blue Whale Jazz Club – Los Angeles, CA 	
California State University Northridge Percussion Ensemble	September 2011 – May 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cypress Recital Hall – Northridge, CA 	
Mt. San Antonio Community College Wind Ensemble	September 2003 – May 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnegie Hall – New York, NY • The Walt Disney Concert Hall – Los Angeles, CA • The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – Washington D.C., VA • Nightingale Concert Hall – Reno, NV • Sophia B. Clark Theater – Walnut, CA 	
Mt. San Antonio Community College Jazz Band	September 2003 – May 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nightingale Concert Hall – Reno, NV • Sophia B. Clark Theater – Walnut, CA 	
Mt. San Antonio Community College Percussion Ensemble	September 2007 – May 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feddersen Recital Hall 	

Recordings:

Shrine	April 2016
<i>Performer</i> Capital Records – Los Angeles, CA	
International Connection	September 2014 – May 2016
<i>Performer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sol Sounds Records – Los Angeles, CA • HAUS Music – Studio City, CA 	

Music Festivals:

California Institute of the Arts World Music Festival	May 2014 – May 2019
Valencia, CA	
<i>Performer</i>	
Reno Jazz Festival	April 2006 – May 2009
Reno, NV	
<i>Performer</i>	
Fullerton College Jazz Festival	April 2006 – May 2009
Fullerton, CA	
<i>Performer</i>	
Mt. San Antonio College Jazz Festival	April 2003 – May 2010
Walnut, CA	
<i>Performer</i>	

Adjudications:

WCPA (West Coast Performance Association)

Antelope Valley, CA

February 2017 – Present

Judge

- Pete Knight High School
- Palmdale High School
- Eastside High School

Honors, Awards and Scholarships:

- Cum Laude, Member of the CSUN Gamma Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda High Honors
- Nominated for the Grammy Museum Music Educator Award for 2022.

Skills:

- Strong background in percussion pedagogy, musicianship, music theory, basic piano, jazz piano, improvisation, classical percussion, rudimental percussion, hand percussion, drum set, jazz vibraphone, North Indian Classical Music, Brazilian Music, Persian Music, Latin Music (Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican), West African,
- Highly experienced in training and mentoring students
- Ability to compose and arrange for Jazz and Percussion ensembles
- Strong ability in Finale
- Strong ability in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Strong background in communication