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Curriculum Vitae

Education

University of Maryland, College Park, Doctorate of Musical Arts, Collaborative Piano, 2020
Advisor: Rita Sloan

University of Maryland, College Park, Master of Music, Collaborative Piano, 2014

Brigham Young University, Bachelor of Arts, Piano Performance, 2011

Certification

New York State Department of Education – Public School Teacher Certificate
Music, Emergency COVID-19 Certificate, Valid through 1/31/2025

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – High School Certification
Single Subject – Music Credential (Pending Evaluation)

Teaching Experience

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, Manhattan, NY
Vocal Faculty, 2020-present

Teacher/Developer of Collaborative Piano Course

- Operetta Workshop Conductor, Music Director, Orchestral Conductor
- Vocal Coach & Accompanist in Classical and Musical Theater genres
- Track recording and virtual coaching for remote and hybrid learning
- Ensemble pianist and conductor

University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD

Vocal Coach & Accompanist, 2013-2020

Instructor, Vocal Faculty, 2015-2017

- Scenes Program Instructor, musical preparation, vocal coaching, pianist
- Undergraduate Opera Workshop Instructor and Vocal Coach

Washington National Opera Initiative, Washington, D.C.

Vocal Coach & Accompanist, 2017-2021

- Intensive Italian art song and operatic repertoire
- Individual coachings

Maryland Lyric Opera, MDLO Young Artist Institute, Bethesda, MD

Assistant Conductor, Vocal Coach & Accompanist, 2016-2023

- Scene accompanist and vocal coach
- Pianist/orchestra keyboardist in performances

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Professional Opera & Vocal Coaching Programs

Washington National Opera Cafritz Young Artist Program

Vocal Coach & Accompanist, 2017-2019

Merola Opera Program

Apprentice Coach, 2019

Wolf Trap Opera

Coaching Fellow, 2018

Awards & Distinctions

Grammy® Award Nomination, 2018

Best Orchestral Performance – *Harbison, Ruggles & Stucky: Orchestral Works*
Christopher Koelzer, pianist

Metropolitan International Music Festival, 2016

Art Song Division: Grand Prize; Outstanding Collaborative Pianist

University of Maryland Concerto Competition Finalist, 2013

Totentanz, Franz Liszt

Aspen Music Festival, 2011-2012, 2014

Full Scholarship Recipient

Brigham Young University Concerto Competition Finalist, 2009

Totentanz, Franz Liszt

Oscarson Grant, 2009

Grant Recipient, toward International Music Academy at Plzen

Professional Associations

International Keyboard Collaborative Arts Society (IKCAS)

New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)

United Federation of Teachers (UFT)

Recordings

Conversion (Zampol Productions), 2022

Documentary Soundtrack; Blake Allen, original score; Christopher Koelzer, pianist

the shards of an honor code junkie (No Reverse Records), 2021

American opera oratorio; Blake Allen, composer; Christopher Koelzer, pianist

One Thing is Certain: A Dance Film (Traguna Records), 2021

Original Motion Picture Soundtrack; Christopher Koelzer, pianist

Sonatas (Traguna Productions), 2020

L'abîme; Music for Kelly; Blake Allen, composer; Emily Uematsu, violin; Susan Mandel, cello; Christopher Koelzer, pianist

The Double Bass – Encore! (MSR Classics), 2019

Robert Oppelt, double bass

An Evening with..., Vol. 1 (Traguna Productions), 2019

Blake Allen, composer & arranger; Various artists; Christopher Koelzer, pianist

Harbison, Ruggles & Stucky: Orchestral Works (Naxos Records), 2018

Christopher Koelzer, pianist

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Publications

DMA Dissertation, “Capturing Sound: The Methods of Arranging and Executing Instrumental Sounds Between Orchestra and Piano”, 2020

Language Training

Intensive Italian diction and language training

Skilled Vocal Diction – Italian, French, German, English (British, American, Mid-Atlantic dialects), Spanish (Latin American, Castilian dialects), Latin (ecclesiastical)

Experienced Vocal Diction – Russian, Czech, Swedish, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish

Administrative Positions

Rural Artists Project, Inc. (RAP), Naknek, AK
Musical Advisor & Pianist, 2014

Choral & Vocal Ensemble Experience

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Arts and Performing Arts, New York City, NY, 2020-present

Vocal Faculty / Pianist / Organist / Conductor

Manhattan Concert Productions, New York City, NY, 2022-2024

Pianist / Organist

The Washington Chorus, Washington, D.C., 2017-2020

Pianist

The Choral Arts Society of Washington, Washington, D.C., 2016-2020

Pianist

Selected Orchestral Repertoire and Performances

Pianist, Organist, Celesta, Harpsichord, Organist, Keyboardist

New York City Chamber Orchestra, 2022-2024

Réquiem (Fauré); *Requiem for the Living* (Forrest)

Maryland Lyric Opera Orchestra, 2019-2022

Turandot; *Il tabarro*; *Gianni Schicchi* *cancelled COVID-19; *Thaïs*; *Cavalleria rusticana*

National Orchestral Institute + Festival, 2013; 2016-2017

Grammy® Award Nomination, 2018 – Best Orchestral Performance

Miraculous Mandarin (Bartok); *Second Concerto for Orchestra* (Stucky); *Symphony No. 4* (Harbison)

University of Maryland, 2012-2017

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L'oiseau de feu (Stravinsky); *Concerto for Orchestra* (Lutosławski); Complete Works for Wind Ensemble (Schwantner); *Concerto for Two Oboes, Op. 9* (Albinoni); *L'enfant et les sortilèges*; *Così fan tutte*

Aspen Music Festival and School, 2011-2012, 2014

Symphony No. 1 (Shostakovich); *Die Weise von Liebe und Tod des Cornets Christoph Rilke* (Martin); *Three Places in New England* (Ives); *Symphony No. 1* (Hartmann); *Hamlet* (Shostakovich); *Symphony No. 8* (Mahler)

Brigham Young University Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, 2006-2011

Dance of the Seven Veils (Strauss); *Trittico botticelliano* (Respighi); *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* (Bach); *Le quattro stagioni* (Vivaldi)

Organist & Church Musician Experience

Grace & St. Paul's Church, New York, NY

Zion Lutheran Church, Maywood, NJ

Christ Episcopal Lutheran Church, Bethesda, MD

St. Luke's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Cheverly, MD

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, CA

Selected Opera Productions

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Arts and Performing Arts, New York City, NY

Musical Director & Choral Preparation – *The Gondoliers*, 2024

Musical Director & Choral Preparation – *The Merry Widow*, 2023

Pianist & Vocal Coach – *The Pirates of Penzance*, 2022

Berkshire Opera Festival, Great Barrington, MA

Assistant Conductor – *Falstaff*, 2021

Assistant Conductor – *Don Giovanni*, 2020 *cancelled due to COVID-19

Sacramento Opera, Sacramento, CA

Assistant Conductor – *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, 2020 *cancelled due to COVID-19

Maryland Lyric Opera, Bethesda, MD

Pianist & Celesta/Organist – *Turandot*, 2022

Assistant Conductor – *Il tabarro* / *Gianni Schicchi*, 2020 *cancelled due to COVID-19

Assistant Conductor – *Thaïs*, 2020

Assistant Conductor & Organist – *Il tabarro* / *Cavalleria rusticana*, 2019

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, 2016

Washington National Opera, Washington, D.C.

Vocal Coach & Musical Preparation – *Blue*, 2020 *cancelled due to COVID-19

Assistant Conductor – *The Lion, The Unicorn, and Me* (Tesori/McClatchy), 2018

Assistant Conductor – *La traviata*, 2018

Assistant Conductor – *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, 2018

Assistant Conductor – *Proving Up* (Mazzoli/Vavrek), 2018 Premiere

Merola Opera Program, San Francisco, CA

Assistant Conductor – *If I Were You* (Heggie/Scheer), 2019 Premiere

Wolf Trap Opera, Vienna, VA

Assistant Conductor – *Rigoletto*, 2018

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Musical Preparation & Pianist – *Seven Deadly Sins*, 2018

Assistant Conductor & Pianist – *Listen, Wilhelmina!* (Hanlon/Kelly), 2017

Maryland Opera Studio, College Park, MD

Assistant Conductor – *Orfeo ed Euridice / Orphée aux enfers*, 2017

Assistant Conductor & Pianist – *The Rape of Lucretia*, 2016

Assistant Conductor & Pianist – *L'enfant et les sortilèges*, 2015

Assistant Conductor & Harpsichord – *L'occasione fa il ladro*, 2015

Assistant Conductor & Pianoforte – *Così fan tutte*, 2014

Assistant Conductor – *Die Fledermaus*, 2014

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Love/Hate* (Jack Perla / Rob Bailis), 2014

Assistant Conductor & Pianist – *Albert Herring*, 2013

Opera NOVA, Northern VA

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Treemonisha*, 2016

Northern Lights Music Festival, Chisholm, MN

Assistant Conductor – *Madama Butterfly*, 2016

Georgetown, SC

Coach & Pianist – *Alice Flagg* (Joseph Kaz), 2016

Carroll County Community College, Westminster, MD

Assistant Conductor – *Le nozze di Figaro*, 2015

Opera Camerata, Washington, D.C.

Pianist – *Così fan tutte*, 2015

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Assistant Conductor – *Béatrice et Bénédict*, 2011

Assistant Conductor – *Les contes d'Hoffmann*, 2010

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *The Telephone*, 2010

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Trial by Jury*, 2010

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *The Impresario*, 2009

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Suor Angelica*, 2009

Assistant Conductor & Harpsichord – *Don Giovanni*, 2008

Assistant Conductor – *H.M.S. Pinafore*, 2008

Assistant Conductor & Harpsichord – *Le nozze di Figaro*, 2007

Assistant Conductor – *The Gondoliers*, 2007

Lyric Theatre, San Jose, CA

Assistant Conductor – *Die Fledermaus*, 2006

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Robin Hood*, 2004

Assistant Conductor – *La vie parisienne*, 2004

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *The Rose of Persia*, 2003

Assistant Conductor – *La belle Hélène*, 2003

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Merrie England*, 2003

Mission City Opera, Santa Clara, CA

Harpsichordist & Musical Preparation – *Così fan tutte*, 2004

Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Die Fledermaus*, 2003

Musical Productions

Fiorello H. LaGuardia School of Music & Art and Performing Arts

Conductor – *The Addams Family*, 2023

Maret School, Washington, D.C.

Keyboardist & Musical Preparation – *Footloose*, 2017

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Carroll County Community College, Westminster, MD
Pianist/Keyboardist & Musical Preparation – *Avenue Q*, 2016
Bowie Performing Arts Center, Bowie, MD
Keyboardist – *Mary Poppins*, 2015
Jackson Hole High School, Jackson Hole, WY
Pianist & Musical Preparation – *Once upon a Mattress*, 2011

Staged Readings

Boston | Nebraska (Blake Allen), 2017, New York City
Truth Tryptich (Blake Allen), 2016, Feinstein's/54 Below, New York City
the shards of an honor code junkie (Blake Allen), 2015, New York City

Repertoire List

Selected Vocal Works

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| Argento – <i>Six Elizabethan Songs</i> | Libby Larsen – <i>Songs from Letters, Raspberry Island Dreaming, Try Me Good King</i> |
| Barber – <i>Knoxville: Summer of 1915</i> | Liszt – <i>Tre Sonetti del Petrarca</i> |
| Beethoven – <i>An die ferne Geliebte</i> , Op. 98, <i>Symphony No. 9</i> | Mahler – <i>Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen, Rückertlieder</i> |
| Berlioz – <i>Requiem, Les nuits d'été</i> | Henry Mollicone – <i>Beatitude Mass</i> |
| Bernstein – <i>Chichester Psalms</i> | John Musto – <i>Shadow of the Blues</i> |
| Bolcom – <i>Cabaret Songs</i> | Monteverdi – <i>Zefiro torna</i> |
| Brahms – <i>Liebeslieder-Walzer</i> , Op. 52/65; <i>Vier quartette</i> , Op. 92 | Mozart – <i>Vesperae solennes de confessore</i> |
| Britten – <i>On this Island; Canticle I; Rejoice in the Lamb</i> | Orff – <i>Carmina Burana</i> |
| Copland – <i>In the Beginning</i> | Poulenc – <i>Fiançailles pour rire; Banalités; Deux poems de Louis Aragon; Cinq poèmes de Max Jacob</i> |
| Debussy – <i>Ariettes oubliées</i> , L.60, <i>Proses Lyriques</i> | Quilter – <i>To Julia</i> |
| Duparc – <i>Complete Songs</i> | Ravel – <i>Trois poèmes de Stéphane Mallarmé; Don Quichotte à Dulcinée; Shéhérazade</i> |
| Duruflé - <i>Réquiem</i> | Santoliquido – <i>I canti della sera</i> |
| Elgar – <i>Sea Pictures</i> | Schubert – <i>Winterreise; Schwanengesang; Die schöne Müllerin</i> |
| Fauré - <i>Réquiem</i> | Schumann – <i>Dichterliebe</i> |
| Finzi – <i>Earth and Air and Rain</i> | Strauss – <i>Drei Lieder der Ophelia; Vier Lieder</i> , Op. 27; <i>Vier letzte Lieder</i> |
| Dan Forrest – <i>Requiem for the Living</i> | Stravinsky – <i>Les noces</i> |
| Gabriel Kahane – <i>Craigslustlieder</i> | |
| Earl Kim – <i>Where Grief Slumbers</i> | |
| Kodaly – <i>Missa Brevis</i> | |
| Lori Laitman – <i>Sunflower Songs</i> | |

Selected Chamber Works

Piano

Antheil – *Ballet mécanique* (four-piano)

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Beethoven – *Piano Trio No. 3 in C minor, Op. 1, No. 3*
Brahms – *Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 32, Variations on a Theme of Haydn* (two-piano)
Bruch – *8 Pieces, Op. 83*
Debussy – *Nocturnes* (two-piano)
Duruflé – *Prélude, récitatif et variations*
Dvořák – *Piano Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 87*

Lutosławski – *Paganini Variations* (two-piano)
Poulenc – *Sextet for Piano; Wind Quintet*
Rachmaninoff – *Symphonic Dances* (two-piano)
Ravel – *La valse* (two-piano)
Stravinsky – *Le sacre du printemps* (two-piano)
Walton – *Piano Quartet in D minor*

Other Selected Instrumental Repertoire

Violin

Brahms – *Sonata in D minor*
Bruch – *Scottish Fantasy*
Beethoven – *Sonata No. 7 in G Major*
Franck – *Sonata in A Major*
Ginastera – *Pampeana No. 1*
Glazunov – *Concerto*
Gubaidulina – *In Tempus Praesens*
Handel – *Sonatas HWV 361, 370, 371*
Mendelssohn – *Concerto in E minor*
Mozart – *Sonata in E minor, K.304; Concerto No. 5 in A Major*

Prokofiev – *Sonata, Op. 94a*
Ravel – *Tzigane*
Sarasate – *Romanza Andaluza, Zigeunerweisen*
Schumann – *Sonata No. 1 in A minor*
Sibelius – *Concerto*
Shostakovich – *Concerto*
Szymanowski – *Mythes* (I mvt)
Tchaikovsky – *Concerto; Valse Scherzo*
Wieniawski – *Concerto No. 2 in D minor*

Viola

Bartók – *Concerto; Romanian Folk Songs*
Bax – *Sonata*
Bloch – *Suite hébraïque*
Brahms – *Viola Sonatas Op. 120, No. 1 & 2*
Britten – *Lachrymae*
Clarke – *Sonata; Morpheus*
Hindemith – *Der Schwanendreher; Sonata Op. 11, No. 4*
Hoffmeister – *Concerto*
Martinů – *Rhapsody Concerto*
Gösta Nystroem – *Concerto (1940)*
Prokofiev-Borisovsky – *Romeo and Juliet Suite*
Judith Shatin – *Doxa*

Ruth Schonthal – *Sonata Concertante*
Schumann – *Märchenbilder*
William Schulman – *Theme and Variations for Viola and Orchestra*
Shostakovich – *Sonata Op. 147*
Shostakovich-Borisovsky – *Four Pieces from The Gadfly*
Stamitz – *Concerto in D Major*
Vaughan Williams – *Romance for Viola and Piano*
Vieuxtemps – *Sonata in B-Flat Major; Élégie, Op. 30*
Walton – *Concerto (1929)*
Weber – *Andante e rondo ongarese, Op. 35*

Cello

Brahms – *Complete Cello Sonatas*
Beethoven – *Sonatas Op. 5 No. 2, Op. 69; Bei Männern Variations*

Boccherini – *Concerto, G.482*
Boulanger – *Trois Pièces (1915)*
Bruch – *Kol Nidrei*

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Casals – *Song of the Birds*
Cassadó – *Lamento de Boabdil; Requiebros*
Chausson – *Pièce, Op. 39*
Chopin – *Sonata*
de Falla – *Siete Canciones populares Españoles*
Lukas Foss – *Capriccio*
Dvořák – *Concerto; Silent Woods, Op. 68*
Elgar – *Concerto*
Fauré – *Élégie, Op. 24*
Ginastera – *Pampeana No. 2*
Haydn – *Concerto in C; Concerto in D*
Lalo – *Concerto*

Bass

Peter Askim – *Islands: Concerto for Double Bass*
J.C. Bach – *Adagio in D minor* (transcribed)
Bottesini – *Tarantella; Reverie; Czardas*
Dittersdorf – *Concerto*
Françaix – *Double Bass Concerto*
Glière – *Four Pieces for Double Bass and Piano*
John Harbison – *Concerto for Bass Viol and Orchestra*

Oboe

Andriessen – *Ballade*
Bach – *Sonata in G minor, BWV 1030b*
Bozza – *Sonata*
Kalliwoda – *Morceau de Salon, Op. 228*
Mozart – *Concerto in C Major, K.314*
Schumann – *3 Romances, Op. 94*

Flute

David Burton – *Sonatina*
Ian Clarke – *Hypnosis*
Honnegger – *Romance*
Mouquet – *La flûte de Pan*
Poulenc – *Sonata*

Clarinet

Arthur Benjamin – *Le tombeau de Ravel*
Bernstein – *Sonata*

Martinů – *Sonata No. 3 (1952)*
Rachmaninoff – *Sonata*
Popper – *Hungarian Rhapsody*
Prokofiev – *Sonata, Op. 119*
Saint-Saëns – *Concerto in A minor*
Schubert – *Arpeggione*
Schumann – *Concerto; 5 Stücke in Volkston, Op. 102; Fantasiestücke, Op. 73*
Shostakovich – *Concerto in E Flat Major, Op. 107; Sonata, op. 40*
Stravinsky – *Suite Italienne* (transcribed for cello)
Tchaikovsky – *Rococo Variations*

Hindemith – *Sonata*
Koussevitsky – *Concerto; Chanson Triste; Valse Miniature; Humoresque*
Mišek – *Sonata No. 2, op. 6*
Monti – *Czárdás*
Piazzolla – *Kicho*
Frank Proto – *Sonata 1963*
Tubin – *Concerto*
Vanhel – *Concerto* (orchestral and solo tuning)

Strauss – *Concerto*
William Sydeman – *Variations for Oboe and Harpsichord*
Telemann – *Sonata in A minor*
Vaughn Williams – *Concerto*

Otar Taktakishvili – *Sonata for Flute and Piano*
Telemann – *Suite in A minor*

Cahuzac – *Variations sur un air du pay d'Oc*
Françaix – *Tema con Variazioni*

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Philippe Gaubert - *Fantasia*
Gershwin – 3 *Preludes* (arr.)
Joseph Horowitz – *Sonata; Concertante for Clarinet*
Milhaud – *Scaramouche* (Arr. Saxophone)

Muczynski – *Time Pieces, Op. 43*
Poulenc – *Sonata*
Saint-Saëns – *Sonata, Op. 167*
Weber – *Concerto No. 1, No. 2; Concertino*

Trumpet

Arban – *Variations on Bellini's Norma*
Arturian – *Trumpet Concerto*
Bloch – *Proclamation*
Brandt – *Concertpiece, Op. 12*
Charlier – *Solo de concours*
Chaynes – *Concerto*
Dokshitzer – *Concerto*
Enescu – *Légende*
Ewazen – *Hymn for the Lost and the Living, An Elizabethan Songbook*

Franceschini – *Sonata in D Major for Two Trumpets*
Glazunov – *Chant du ménestrel*
Höhne – *Slavonic Fantasy*
Hummel – *Concerto in Eb Major*
Ibert – *Impromptu*
Arr. Mendez – *Musetta's Waltz*
Pilss – *Sonata*
Pahkmutova – *Concerto*
Telemann – *Douze Marches Héroïques*
Tomasi – *Triptyque*

Trombone

Stephen Bulla – *River Quest*
Bozza – *New Orleans*
Grøndahl – *Concerto*
Hindemith – *Sonata*

Joseph Jongen – *Aria et polonaise*
Richard Peaslee – *Arrows of Time*
Zygmunt Stojowski – *Fantasy*
Telemann – *Sonata in F minor*

Horn

Cherubini – *Sonata No. 2*
Mozart – *Concerto No. 2, No. 3, No. 4*
Schumann – *Adagio and Allegro, Op. 11*

Strauss – *Concerto No. 1, No. 2*
Weber – *Concertino*

Piano Concerto Accompaniments

Dohnányi – *Variations on a Nursery Tune*
Gershwin – *Rhapsody in Blue; Concerto in F*
Grieg – *Concerto*
Liszt - *Totentanz*
Prokofiev – *Concerto No. 2; Concerto No. 3*
Rachmaninoff – *Concerto No. 2, Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*
Saint-Saëns – *Concerto in G minor*
Schumann – *Concerto*
Tchaikovsky – *Concerto No. 1 in B Flat minor*

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