

# Grace Playstead, Flutist and Musicologist

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

### University of Washington

M.M. in Flute Performance

Seattle, WA

Expected 2026

### University of Puget Sound

B.M. in Flute Performance

B.A. in Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Coolidge Otis Chapman Honors Scholar

Thesis: Marian Anderson and Grace Bumbry: African American Singers Navigating German National Identity in Music

Tacoma, WA

2024

## COMMUNITY MUSIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BlueSkyArts Studio and Bravo Music Academy

*Independent Private Lesson Instructor*

Bellevue, WA

May 2025 - Present

- Teach student learners (ages 7-13) flute in weekly 30, 45, or 60 minute lessons based on ability and age
- Create personalized curricula in the foundational elements of tone, technique, tonguing, rhythm, and musicality using method books, standard solo repertoire, and audition materials where applicable

## PRESENTATIONS

### Midwest Graduate Music Consortium

"Identity and Selfhood: Julius Eastman's Display of Authenticity in a Performance of John Cage's *Song Books*"

Ann Arbor, MI

2025

## PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

### University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Senator, School of Music

Seattle, WA

2024-present

- Attends monthly meetings
- Supports resolutions to advocate for housing affordability, graduate school funding, the expansion of university accessibility, institutional compliance with DEI and non-discrimination, addressing institutional noncompliance with Title IX violations, the denouncement of federal government overreach, and support of degree completion pathways for students that are impacted by visa revocation
- Authored resolution to denounce arts censorship by the Trump administration as a violation of free speech

### University of Puget Sound School of Music Advisory Council

Student Member

Tacoma, WA

2023-2024

- Attended monthly meetings
- Implemented renovations to the School of Music lounge and facilities
- Advocated for accessibility in the concert hall: decreased ticket prices, increased access to performance livestreams
- Prioritized student concerns regarding campus climate, accessibility, and institutional support

## SELECTED PERFORMANCES

Tacoma Concert Band Summer Series	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2025
Sewanee Summer Music Festival Cumberland Orchestra, Sewanee Symphony	<b>Sewanee, TN</b> 2025
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir	<b>San Antonio, TX</b> 2024
Cascade Conducting Institute Festival Orchestra Cascade Orchestra Conducting Final Concert with Sarah Ioannides	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2024
Madeline Island Chamber Music Festival Featured Masterclass Performer: Keisuke Ikuma, Tara Helen O'Connor, Frank Morelli	<b>La Pointe, WI</b> 2024
University of Puget Sound Wind Ensemble: KarlaFest David Maslanka, Song Book for Flute and Wind Ensemble, III. In Loving Memory Grace Playstead, flute soloist	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2024
Bonita Boyd International Flute Masterclass Featured Masterclass Performer: Haley Bangs and Bonita Boyd	<b>Rochester, NY</b> 2023
ARIA International Summer Academy Featured Masterclass Performer: Bonita Boyd, Aaron Goldman, and Jonathan Keeble	<b>South Hadley, MA</b> 2023
Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma W.A. Mozart, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, K. 313: I. Allegro Aperto Grace Playstead, flute soloist	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2023
Society of Composers, Inc. Region VIII Conference West Coast premiere of <i>Feather Fall (2022)</i> for Solo Flute by Tanner Harrod	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2023
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir	<b>Chicago, IL</b> 2022
Marrowstone Music Festival Orchestra Principal Flute Featured Masterclass Performer: Jacqueline Cordova-Arrington	<b>Seattle, WA</b> 2022

## ENSEMBLE MEMBERSHIP

University of Washington Symphony Orchestra	<b>Seattle, WA</b> 2024-present
University of Washington Wind Ensemble	<b>Seattle, WA</b> 2024-present
University of Washington, Chamber Music Lab	<b>Seattle, WA</b> 2024-present
University of Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2020-2024
University of Puget Sound Wind Ensemble	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2020-2024
University of Puget Sound Flute Ensemble	<b>Tacoma, WA</b> 2020-2024

## **COMPETITION RESULTS**

University of Puget Sound Concerto-Aria Competition, Runner Up	2023
University of Puget Sound Concerto-Aria Competition, Finalist	2022

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Society for American Music National Conference Attendee	2025
Society of Composers, Inc. Region VIII Conference Attendee	2023
College Band Directors National Association Western/Northwestern Division Conference Attendee	2022

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Gustafson Music Scholarship	2025
University of Washington Graduate Conference Presentation Award	2025
Marsh Music Scholarship	2025
Reynolds Music Scholarship	2024
Delwen and Genevieve Jones Music Scholarship	2023
Agricola Summer Research Grant	2023
Puget Sound Internship Grant	2023
Doc and Lucille Weathers Memorial Scholarship	2022
James R. Slater Excellence in Music Award	2022

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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National Flute Association

Seattle Flute Society