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EDUCATION

University of Washington

Seattle, WA

M.M. in Flute Performance

ant. 2026

Flute studies with Donna Shin

Chamber music studies with Donna Shin

Music History studies with Frederick Reece, Anne Searcy, and Mark Rodgers

University of Puget Sound

Tacoma, WA

B.M. in Flute Performance

2024

Flute studies with Karla Flygare

B.A. in Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Coolidge Otis Chapman Honors Scholar

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

COMMUNITY MUSIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BlueSkyArts Studio and Bravo Music Academy

Bellevue, WA

Independent Private Lesson Instructor

May 2025 - Present

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

PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Graduate Music Consortium

Ann Arbor, MI

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

2025

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Seattle, WA

Senator, School of Music

2024-2025

- Attended monthly meetings
- Supported 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

University of Puget Sound School of Music Advisory Council

Tacoma, WA

Committee Member

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

RECITALS

University of Washington

Flute Studio, Spring Recital	2025
W.A. Mozart, Concerto in G Major, K 313	
Chamber Music Lab, Spring Recital	2025
Works by Arnold and Koechlin	
Master's Non-Degree Recital	2025
Works by Poulenc, Hailstork, Prokofiev, Dutilleux	
Flute Studio, Winter Recital	2025
Henri Dutilleux, <i>Sonatine</i> for flute and piano	
Chamber Music Lab, Winter Recital	2025
Works by Kuhlau and Doppler	
Flute Studio, Autumn Recital	2024
Adolphus Hailstork, <i>Yuhwa</i> for solo flute	
Chamber Music Lab, Autumn Recital	2024
Works by Schumann and Franck	

University of Puget Sound

Undergraduate Degree Recital	2024
Works by J.S. Bach, Otaka, Reinecke, Uebayashi	
Undergraduate Degree Recital	2023
Works by Coleman, Harrod, Griffes	
Undergraduate Non-Degree Recital	2022
Works by Larson, Perilou, Still, Vivaldi	
Undergraduate Non-Degree Recital	2021
Works by Hue and C.P.E. Bach	

Puget Woodwind Studio

High School Graduation Recital	2020
Works by J.S. Bach, McKimm, Perilou, Brun, Reneicke	

SOLO PERFORMANCE ENGAGEMENTS

University of Puget Sound Wind Ensemble	Tacoma, WA
David Maslanka, Song Book for Flute and Wind Ensemble, III. In Loving Memory	2024
Grace Playstead, flute soloist	
Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma	Tacoma, WA
W.A. Mozart, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, K. 313: I. Allegro Aperto	2023
Grace Playstead, flute soloist	
Society of Composers, Inc. Region VIII Conference	Tacoma, WA
West Coast premiere of <i>Feather Fall (2022) for Solo Flute</i> by Tanner Harrod	2023

ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE ENGAGEMENTS

Tacoma Concert Band Summer Series	Tacoma, WA
	2025
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir	San Antonio, TX
	2024
Cascade Conducting Institute Festival Orchestra	Tacoma, WA
Symphony Tacoma, Maestra Sarah Ionannides	2024
University of Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra	Tacoma, WA
Brahms <i>Symphony No. 4</i> , Op. 98, Principal Flute	2024
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir	Chicago, IL
	2022

SUMMER FESTIVALS

Sewanee Summer Music Festival	Sewanee, TN
Cumberland Orchestra, Sewanee Symphony	2025
Madeline Island Chamber Music Festival	La Pointe, WI
Featured Masterclass Performer: Tara Helen O'Connor, Keisuke Ikuma, Frank Morelli	2024
Bonita Boyd International Flute Masterclass	Rochester, NY
Featured Masterclass Performer: Haley Bangs and Bonita Boyd	2023
ARIA International Summer Academy	South Hadley, MA
Featured Masterclass Performer: Bonita Boyd, Aaron Goldman, and Jonathan Keeble	2023
Marrowstone Music Festival Orchestra	Seattle, WA
Principal Flute	2022
Featured Masterclass Performer: Jacqueline Cordova-Arrington	

MASTERCLASSES

April Clayton, Freelance Flutist and Recording Artist	2025
Zhao-Rong Chen, Professor of Flute, China Conservatory of Music	2024
Anastasia Petanova, Freelance Flutist	2023
Zart Dombourian-Eby, Principal Piccolo, Retired, Seattle Symphony	2022

ENSEMBLE MEMBERSHIP

University of Washington Symphony Orchestra	Seattle, WA 2024-present
University of Washington Wind Ensemble	Seattle, WA 2024-present
University of Washington, Chamber Music Lab	Seattle, WA 2024-2025
IES Abroad Vienna, Music Performance Workshop	Vienna, Austria 2022
University of Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra	Tacoma, WA 2020-2024
University of Puget Sound Wind Ensemble	Tacoma, WA 2020-2024

LESSONS

Linda Toote, Professor of Flute, Boston Conservatory and Boston University	2025
Jeffrey Barker, Associate Principal Flute, Seattle Symphony	2025
Evan Pengra Sult, Principal Flute, Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra	2025
Furugh Karimi Djafar-Zadeh, Professor of Flute, University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna	2022
Erwin Klambauer, Principal Flute, Vienna Symphony	2022

COMPETITIONS

Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, Finalist	2025
Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra Don Bushell Concerto Competition, Finalist `	2024
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir, Competition Winner	2024
University of Puget Sound Concerto-Aria Competition, Runner Up	2023
University of Puget Sound Concerto-Aria Competition, Finalist	2022
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir, Competition Winner	2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

AWARDS & HONORS

Gustafson Music Scholarship	2025
University of Washington Graduate Conference Presentation Award	2025
Marsh Music Scholarship	2024
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

American Musicological Society
American Musicological Society/Society for Music Theory Northwest Chapter
National Flute Association
Seattle Flute Society

REFERENCES

Donna Shin ; <i>Associate Professor of Flute, University of Washington</i>	206.601.7920
Karla Flygare ; <i>Affiliate Artist in Flute (Retired), University of Puget Sound</i>	253.640.6744
David A Rahbee ; <i>Director, UW Symphony; Associate Professor</i>	206.543.1209