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**Education/Training**

*State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY, USA*

- Master of Music in Piano Performance, 2-Year. Grad. May 2018.
- Graduate Assistant in Collaborative Piano (2016 to 2018) GPA: 4.0

*Brandon University, Manitoba, Canada*

- Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, 4-Year. Grad. May 2013. GPA: 4.04

*Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)*

- Universal Design for Learning Webinar, Fall 2019

*Piano Teachers*

- Fr. Sean Duggan (2016 – 2018)
- Robert Richardson (2013 – 2016)
- Alexander Tselyakov (2006 – 2013)
- Dr. Michael Kim, Dean of Music Brandon University (2011)

*Composition Teacher*

- Dinuk Wijeratne (2021 – 2022)

*Summer Programs*

- Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute, Toronto, ON, June 2023
- The Golandsky Institute Summer Symposium, Princeton, NJ, USA, July 2015/2017
- Casalmaggiore International Music Festival, Casalmaggiore, Italy, July 2012
- Chetham's Piano Summer School, Manchester, England, August 2011

*Golandsky Institute*

- Montreal Workshop, Montreal, PQ, February 2016

*Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba*

- Creative Entrepreneurship Workshop (2013)
- Art of Managing Your Career Course (2013)

*Royal Conservatory of Music*

- Grade 10 Piano (2007), Grade 5 Voice (2003), Grade 3 History/Grade 4 Harmony (2007)

**Selected Performance Experience**

*Brandon Chamber Players "Gay Guerilla" 4 Hands Piano Works (Brandon, May 2023)*

*Bicycle Face "Bicycle Space" Album Release (The Good Will, Winnipeg, Nov. 2022)*

*Virtuosi Concerts' Skywalk Series "Pastoral Pop Piano" (Winnipeg, Oct. 2022)*

*Send + Receive Festival, Improvising Ensemble w/ Andy Moor and Yannis Kyriakides (Winnipeg Oct. 2022)*

*Bicycle Face Fringe Festival Performance at the Cube (Winnipeg, July 2022)*

*Nuit Blanche "6 Pianos" Performance (Winnipeg, MB, Sept. 2020)*

*Master Class with Edgar Meyer* (Erie, NY, Nov. 2019)  
*Concerts with Decho Ensemble* (Various, Fall 2018)

- Saxophone3 and piano works presented in Ithaca and Dunkirk, NY

*Master Class with Libby Larsen* (Fredonia, NY, Oct. 2017)  
*Fredonia Baroque Trio Children's Concerts* (Fall 2018)

- Interactive program for children presented in Jamestown and Fredonia, NY

*Master Class with Angela Hewitt* (Presented by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Buffalo, NY, March 2017)  
*Young Artist Program Performance* (Virtuosi Concert Series, 2016)  
*Centric Festival* (Lethbridge, AB, 2014 - 2016)

- Solo performer, collaborative pianist, arranger

*Master Class with Mary Moran* (Golandsky Institute, Princeton, NJ, July 2015)  
*Bison Duo: Music of France* (Buhler Gallery and Misericordia Hospital, June 2013)  
*Casalmaggiore International Music Festival*, (Casalmaggiore, Italy, 2012)

- Solo piano and CIME (Contemporary Music Festival)

*Icelandic National League of North America Convention* (Brandon, MB, 2012)

- Featured musician with Heather Jordan

*Women's Musical Club Scholarship Winners Recital* (Winnipeg Art Gallery, 2011)

## **Significant Recording Experience**

*Bicycle Space – Bicycle Face* (piano, synth, vox: Self-Released in 2022)  
*Demolisten – Theresa Thor* (piano, vox, uke: Self-Released, 2020)  
*Bicycle Face EP* (piano, synth, vox: Self-Released, 2016)  
*A Palette of Colours* (Russell Publishing, 2009)

- Solo intermediate piano pieces by Manitoban composer Remi Bouchard

## **Selected Awards**

### *Manitoba Arts Council*

- Professional Development Grant (2023)
  - Support for Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute attendance
- Support/Adapt Grant (2022)
  - Piano Recording Mentorship with Jesse Riemer

### *Canada Council for the Arts*

- Explore and Create Grants (2021 – 2022)
  - Professional Development – Composition Lessons with Dinuk Wijeratne
  - Research and Creation – No Fun Synthesizer Residency

### *State University of New York at Fredonia*

- Bob and Betty Young Award (2016 – 2018)

### *Brandon University*

- Silver Medal for Highest Standing in the Performance Program (2013)

### *Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg Competition*

- Berythe Birse Scholarship (2011)

## **Teaching/Workshop Leading Experience**

*Piano-ish Private Teaching Studio* (2019 - )

*WeRock Camp* (2023)

- Group keyboard class teacher

*Cadenza Summer Music Week* (2022-2023)

- Teacher, facilitator, performer specializing in piano, composition, songwriting

*Langruth Elementary School Music Workshop* (2023, 2022, 2019)

- 3-day program guiding K – 8 students in songwriting, arranging, and music video creation. Culminated in school-wide performance/presentation.

*Manitoba Registered Music Teacher's Association, Westman Chapter* (2022)

- Creative Music Composition Workshops

*Brandon University* (2021 – 2022)

- Applied Adjunct Lecturer
  - Keyboard Literature I/II
- Staff Collaborative Pianist

*SUNY Fredonia* (2018 - 2020)

- Adjunct Lecturer in Musicology and Music Theory
  - Music Appreciation (Gen. Ed)
  - Pathways Music Appreciation (International Students)
  - Pathways Music Bibliography (International Grad Students, Hybrid)
  - Music Theory 2 and Beginning Music Theory 2 (Pop Music + Songwriting)
- Staff Collaborative Pianist

*Sterling North Stonewall Campus* (Stonewall, MB, 2013 – 2016)

- Piano Teacher, Studio of 24 students (ages 8 – 18)

*Eckhardt-Gramatte Conservatory Piano Teacher* (Brandon University, 2011 – 2012)

## **Administrative Experience**

- Member of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Musicians Committee, SUNY Fredonia (2019 – 2020)
- Temporary Receptionist, Pinnacle, Winnipeg (2013 – 2017)
- Interim Administrative Assistant, Sherwood Park Lutheran Church (2014)
- Student Assistant, Brandon Chamber Players (2009 – 2012)

## **Other Relevant Experience**

- Songwriter, Synth, Vocals in alt-pop band *Bicycle Face* (2013 – 2023)
- Member of the Virtuosi Concerts Board (2021 – 2023)
- Pianist in Fredonia Jazz Combo (2017 – 2018)
- Substitute On-Site Coordinator for Sistema Winnipeg (2015 - 2016)
- Pianist for Sherwood Park Lutheran Church, Winnipeg (2013-2016)
- Volunteer for Manitoba Chamber Orchestra (2013-2015)
- Volunteer for Sistema Winnipeg (2013 - 2015)
- Cocktail Pianist for Playmakers Piano Bar, CanadInns Brandon, MB (2009 – 2012)
- Volunteer for Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival (2008 – 2012)