

Hayden Denesha

Conductor, Violist

PRESENT CONDUCTING POSITIONS

South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra

Columbia, SC

Staff Conductor/Youth Orchestra Director (2016-)

- Responsible for conducting children's concerts
- Serve as the orchestra's primary cover conductor
- Direct one of the South Carolina Philharmonic's youth orchestras

University of South Carolina School of Music

Columbia, SC

Doctoral Candidate/Assistant Conductor (2016-)

- Assistant/Cover Conductor of the university symphony and chamber orchestras
- Assistant Conductor of *Opera at USC*
- Serve as head orchestra librarian
- Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Courses in Conducting

PAST CONDUCTING POSITIONS/EXPERIENCE

Pierre Monteux School and Music Festival

Hancock, ME

Conducting Fellow/Violist (Summer 2017)

- Studied Conducting with Michael Jinbo
- Conducted and/or covered the festivals numerous concerts and reading sessions.

Fredonia School of Music

SUNY - Fredonia, Fredonia, NY

Assistant Conductor (2014-2016)

- Assistant Conductor of the Fredonia College Symphony Orchestra and the Fredonia College Chamber Orchestra
- Music Director of the Fredonia Sinfonia Orchestra (Campus/non-major orchestra)
- Music Director of the Ethos New Music Society (Ensemble for New Music)
- Instructor of instrumental conducting courses to undergraduate students
- Worked with artists such as David Kim, Rachel Lee, Jennifer Higdon, and Robert Moran

Hillman Opera Company

SUNY - Fredonia, Fredonia NY

Assistant Conductor (2014-2016)

- Covered and directed full production rehearsals
- Assisted the Music Director
- Coached singers
- Served as Music Director for Chamber Opera Productions

Miami Summer Music Festival

Miami, FL

Assistant Conductor (Summer 2015)

- Assisted/studied conducting with Grzegorz Nowak
- Worked as an assistant conductor for fully staged opera productions
- Organized and conducted chamber music concerts
- Conducted the festival orchestra in reading sessions
- Participated in numerous repertoire, opera coaching, and diction classes

- Adjudicated the festival concerto competition

Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy

Powell River, British Columbia, Canada

Assistant Conductor/Violist (Summer 2015)

- Assisted/studied conducting with Arthur Arnold
- Conducted the festival orchestra in public concerts and rehearsals
- Conducted numerous sectionals with members of the festival orchestra
- Adjudicated the festival concerto competition

Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra

Orchard Park, NY

Assistant Conductor (2014-2016)

The Conductors Institute of South Carolina

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Conducting Fellow (Summer 2014, 2016, 2017)

- Studied conducting with Donald Portnoy, Jorge Mester, Peter Jaffe, Paul Vermel, Diane Wittry, Samuel Jones, Victoria Bond
- Worked with composers Roberto Sierra, Avner Dorman, and John Fitz Rogers

New Pathways to Conducting with Joseph Gifford

Nashua Chamber Orchestra, Nashua, NH

Conducting Fellow (Summer 2014, Winter 2015)

- Studied conducting and musicianship with Joseph Gifford

The Conductors Institute at Bard

Bard College Conservatory of Music, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Conducting Fellow (Summer 2012, 2013)

- Studied conducting with Harold Farberman, Raymond Harvey, Lawrence Golan, Mark Gibson, Apo Hsu, and Eduardo Navega

PRESENT VIOLA POSITIONS

South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra

Columbia, SC

Section Viola (2017-)

Aiken Symphony Orchestra

Aiken, SC

Section Viola (2016-)

University of South Carolina School of Music

Columbia, South Carolina

Violist, Graduate String Quartet

- Perform as part of a fellowship program in one of two graduate level string quartets

PAST PROFESSIONAL VIOLA EXPERIENCE AND STUDY

Western New York Chamber Orchestra

Buffalo, NY

Section Violist (2015-2016)

Southern Tier Symphony Orchestra

Olean, NY

Principal Viola (2014-2016), Section Viola (2012-2014)

Principal Viola Teachers

Daniel Sweaney – USC Professor of Viola (2016 -), David Rose - SUNY Fredonia Viola Professor, former associate principal violist of the San Francisco Symphony (2009-2013, 2014-2016), Valerie Heywood- Principal Violist, Buffalo Philharmonic (2008-2011)

Performed in Masterclass for:

Jutta Puchhammer-Sédillot, Christine Vljak, Nicolo Eugelmi, Parker String Quartet

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**University of South Carolina South School of Music**

Columbia, SC

Teaching Assistant

- Instruct courses in instrumental conducting to Undergraduate Music Majors

Fredonia School of Music

SUNY - Fredonia, Fredonia, NY

Instructor (2014-2016)

- Instruct courses in instrumental conducting to Undergraduate music majors

Vivace String Camp

Houghton College, Houghton, NY

Faculty (2009) (2012)

- Responsible for teaching lessons, coaching chamber music, participating in faculty performances

Williamsville Central School District

Williamsville, NY

Substitute Music Teacher (2013-2016)

- This is a very large school district with exceptional music programs that requires a music specialist to be available for covering music classes and rehearsals on a frequent per diem basis

Student Teaching, grades 4-5, October 2013-December 2013

Clarence Central School District

Music Teacher, Orchestra Director

- Taught lesson groups
- Conducted rehearsals

Student Teaching, grades 5-8, September-October 2013

Mill Middle School, Williamsville, NY

Music Teacher, Orchestra Director

- Taught lesson groups
- Conducted rehearsals

Kenmore - Tonawanda School District Summer Music Program

Kenmore East High School, Kenmore, NY

String Teacher (2010-2012)

- Taught lessons on Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass
- Assistant Conductor of the Advanced and Elementary Level orchestras as well as the Middle School level jazz band

Mill Middle School Orchestra Program, Grades 5-8

Mill Middle School, Williamsville, NY

Intern (2011-2013)

- Assist with and conduct orchestra rehearsals
- Teach lesson groups
- Coach students for ECMEA and NYSSMA Solo Evaluation festival

- Worked as a chaperone and ensemble assistant for ECMEA music festival through the teacher that runs this program

Sweet Home Central School District

Amherst, NY

Summer Orchestra Conductor (2010) and Substitute Teacher (2014-2015)

Various Teaching Practicums (Field teaching Experiences) in conjunction with SUNY Fredonia

Music Teacher, K-12 (2010-2012)

Buffalo Public Schools, Sweet Home Central School District, Kenmore-Tonawanda School District, Clarence Central School District

- Taught lesson groups
- Coached the students on the orchestra music
- Played secondary instruments to assist in rehearsals
- Taught private lessons to high school level students
- Gave instrumental presentations to select classes
- Taught general music classes in all grade levels

EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts, Orchestral Conducting, Doctoral Minor in Viola (In progress)

University of South Carolina

Master of Music, Orchestral Conducting, May 2016

Bachelor of Music, Music Education, December 2013

Bachelor of Music, Viola Performance, December 2013

State University of New York at Fredonia

AWARDS AND HONORS

Fellowship to attend the Pierre Montuex School (2017)

Full Doctoral Graduate Assistantship, University of South Carolina (2016)

String Quartet Fellowship, University of South Carolina (2016)

Fellowship to attend the Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy (2015)

Full Assistantship in Orchestral Conducting, Fredonia School of Music (2014-2016)

J. J. Rosch Music Scholarship Recipient (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

- Awarded to music majors at SUNY Fredonia who have demonstrated high achievement and skill in their respective performance areas

Fredonia Scholar Award (2010, 2011)

- Awarded to freshmen, sophomores, or juniors at SUNY Fredonia who exhibit high academic achievement and are role models in their respective degree programs

City of Buffalo Musicians Union Scholarship Recipient (2009)

REFERENCES

Dr. Donald Portnoy, Director of Orchestral Studies Emeritus, University of South Carolina

- Email: palmettotree45@gmail.com Phone Number: 803-960-9237

Mr. Morihiko Nakahara, Music Director, South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra

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Dr. David Rudge, Director of Orchestras and Opera at SUNY Fredonia. Music Director, Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra

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Mr. Grzegorz Nowak, Permanent Associate Conductor, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

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Robert Moran, Composer, Universal Music Inc.

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Neil Casey, Music Director, South Carolina Philharmonic Youth Orchestras

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