

CURRENT WORK

Guitarist/Composer New York, NY 2008 - Present

- Performances in twelve countries throughout Europe, Asia & North America and thirteen US states as a soloist & in ensembles at several prominent festivals and venues; recordings, including around a dozen full length albums, released on various record labels; guitarist for studio & live sessions primarily for classical & electric guitar, with a wide range of other experience including Broadway, early music, experimental rock/pop, contemporary classical & big band music
- Coverage & reviews from the New York Times, MTV, Nylon, American Record Guide, Classical Guitar Magazine, Fanfare, Stereogum, NME, Big Takeover & the New York Daily News
- Compositions & songs featured in dance pieces, radio, & film soundtracks
- As a multi-instrumentalist beyond guitar, has performed & recorded on sitar, banjo, mandolin, lute, Hawaiian guitar, tiple, theorbo, piano keyboard, electric & nylon 4-5 string bass, eight-string electric guitar, & electronic drums/backing tracks
- BMI member

Sonder School of Music Elmhurst, NY 2022 - Present

- Owner & operator of a brick & mortar music & art school operating since 2014, with an enrollment of around 100 students at any given time
- Oversee all aspects of the school including hiring & training of teaching artists, accounting & bookkeeping, overseeing & curating private & group lesson curriculum, instrument maintenance & inventory, annual student trips, concerts & special events for faculty & students, instrument/equipment/studio rentals, maintaining the library of scores/music books & all other music related learning aids, outreach to schools & local organizations, fundraising, occasional teaching, website & social media pages, & cleaning/maintenance of the facilities
- Manager of the basement music & rehearsal venue

Freelance Music Instructor New York, NY 2010 - Present

- Private & group guitar & other instrumental, theory or aural lessons in students' homes, Elmhurst, Middle Village & Chelsea studios, or online

Writer Middle Village, NY 2023 - Present

- Hired by violinist.com to attend a masterclass & publish a review/summary blog post; hired by the Scholastic Awards as a 2024 regional juror

HONORS & AWARDS

2024 Chamber Music America Teaching Artist Program award, 2 2023 & 1 2022 Citizens NYC Neighborhood Business grants, 2022 & 2020 Ensemble Forward Chamber Music America grants, 2022-2024 DOT Public Programming Partner, 2022 & 2020 Laurie M Tisch Illumination Fund scholarship to the National Organization for Arts in Health conference, 2017 Peter M. Gross fund grantee, 2017 the New School for Music Dean's Award, 2017 Lanciano International Guitar Seminar Fellowship Grant, 2017 Fulbright Semi-Finalist, Mannes Dean's List 2015-2017, Aaron Copland School of Music Dean's List 2011-2015, 2015 Aaron Copland School of Music Departmental Honors in Music, 2014 Maurice Kagan Memorial Scholarship Award for Excellence in an Orchestral Instrument, 2 2014 Merit-based Scholarships for Summer Abroad Perugia Composition/Performance Program, 2011-2015 Golden Key International Honour Society, 2014-2015 CUNY New Professionals Program

EDUCATION

Mannes College, The New School for Music New York, NY

Master of Music, Classical Guitar 2017

Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College Flushing, NY

Bachelor of Music, Classical Guitar 2015

Certifications:

Parsons Entrepreneur Academy: How to Sell Your Creative Work, issued April 2022 / Building A Mission Driven Creative Business, issued Feb 2022 / Building A Mission Driven Creative Business, issued Aug 2021/ How To Fund Your Creative Business, issued Aug 2021 / How To Grow & Monetize Your Audience With Digital Marketing, issued Mar 2021

PAST WORK

Jubilee University Lexington, MO 2021 - 2022

- Head of the guitar department during the university's inaugural year as a hybrid university; built the guitar curriculum from scratch, prepared guitar majors for outside and school-related concerts & juries via weekly lessons, met with the school board to help develop the music program, until the switch to fully in person school activity

Sarah Lawrence College Bronxville, NY 2021

- Substitute guitar instructor

Various Institutions New York, NY 2013 - 2023

- Soyulla Artists: guitar teacher / Mozart For Munchkins: guitar performer / Guitar Guide Guru: guitar, piano, bass & ukulele instructor / Queens College's Lawrence Eisman Center for Preparatory Studies in Music: musicianship instructor / Skillr: guitar instructor & performer / Third Street Music School Settlement: band instructor in the conservatory's Music Partners Division at KIPP STAR Harlem Middle School, general music weekly class instructor at P.S. 83 Donald Hertz School, MS 131 summer program teacher of African percussion & vocal music, substitute private & group guitar, bass & ukulele teacher / New York Music Coop: general manager overseeing all aspects of the coop, guitar & piano faculty, board member / DalMaestro: private guitar, ukulele & theory/harmony lessons through ABRSM grade 8 / Sephardic Community Center's Encore Music Program: administrative assistant; private & group guitar, piano, ukulele & early education music instructor in onsite and offsite programs / Brooklyn Conservatory Of Music: Group ukulele instructor in the conservatory's Music Partners division at PS 34 Oliver H. Perry & DEI Committee Member / Dimitrios & Georgia Kaloidis Parochial School: music teacher - taught percussion ensemble, string ensemble, wind ensemble & recorder to kindergarten through 8th grade students as part of their core graded

curriculum, directed marching band in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade, prepared & conducted students in annual school-wide Festival of the Arts, maintained & repaired instruments, corresponded with parents & the school board / Our Lady of Hope Catholic Academy: general music teacher

- Taught private & group lessons in all types of guitar, ukulele, piano, voice, music theory, ear training, arranging, composing/songwriting & improvisation, as well as masterclasses & educational childcare, including Dalcroze, for various ages & skill levels, preparing students for NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) & ABRSM (Associate Board of the Royal School of Music) exams & juries, as well as auditions at other institutions including Riverbank State Park Cultural Center, Henderson Academy of Music, Vienna Music, Long Island Studio of Music, Guitar Den, Farrington's Music, The Art Of Piano Playing, PS 11: William T. Harris, Music On The Go, Brooklyn Sound Academy, Staccato Music Center, Tian Song Musical Arts, PS 310: The School For Future Leaders, Music Box, Mercy Drive, Dearest, Music Beans, Brooklyn Musical Arts, Treblemakers Music School, Hosh Kids, Poppenhusen Institute, Montessori Progressive Learning Center afterschool program, Dr. Jun Fu Music School & Melody Time Music Center

NYC Network of Worker Cooperatives' Advocacy Council New York, NY 2022 - 2023

- Advocacy Council is an elected body of worker owners selected yearly by NYC cooperatives - members were trained in policy & advocacy for the worker co-op movement in preparation to move on to participate in related policy spaces as well as other social justice movements

THRIVE Mentor Teaching Assistant New York, NY 2022

- Teaching assistant for Brooklyn Council on the Art's course "NFTs, The Metaverse, and Web3 for Art: What They Are & Protecting Your IP"

Influencer New York, NY 2020 - 2023

- Blogger/influencer as a freelancer and for Intellifluence, Vimma, BYGMusic & Ambassador, promoting & reviewing music & wellness related products

Audio/Recording Engineer New York, NY 2016 - 2023

- Record, produce & mix live concerts & studio sessions at venues throughout NYC using Pro Tools, Logic, Reaper and various microphones/mic placement; perform & record instruments as well as create midi tracks for various artists' projects

Music Engraver/Arranger/Tutor New York, NY 2016 - 2023

- Input handwritten or incomplete scores into Sibelius, as well as make various arrangements of scores for such artists as the Newman-Oltman guitar duo & William Anderson; Sibelius tutorials & help for composers and arrangers

Le Poisson Rouge New York, NY 2021 - 2022

- Box office & event support staff member

USFWC's Inaugural Worker Ownership State Advocacy Fellowship Brooklyn, NY 2021 - 2022

- Fellowship recipient of 6-month program that equipped & supported worker owners as advocates and spokespeople for worker co-op initiatives in NY state

Human Worldwide Music & Sound Design New York, NY 2018

- Intern: composed & submitted original music for commercials, scouted references & completed research to meet client's visions, worked in post production & synchronization office, & various other duties

The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music New York, NY 2016 - 2017

- Gig Office Bandleader; assembled a musical group in accordance with client's specifications, at times helping clients realize their vision for the performance, preparing music, performing at a range of events including weddings, cocktail parties, institutions such as the Neue Galerie, the New Museum and the Highline, as well as at New School events, including graduation celebrations, retirement parties, & the annual Block Party
- 20th Century Perspectives on Music & World Music History course assistant - worked alongside professor Dr. Chris Stover to carry out day to day classroom activities & support teaching & learning outcomes

Mannes College New York, NY 2015 - 2017

- Music Library student aide - worked circulation desk, maintained library shelves & completed clerical work
- Audition assistant & orientation leader

Louis Armstrong House Museum Archives Flushing, NY 2012 - 2013

- Worked on annual gala fundraising & outreach to the community; invited local organizations & politicians to fund benefit events for the museum

Aaron Copland School of Music (ACSM) Flushing, NY 2013 - 2015

- Music Library student aide - worked circulation desk, maintained library shelves & did clerical work
- Social media team member - maintained social media sites & marketed events

Mannes College New York, NY 2015 - 2017

- Graduate theory & analysis tutor

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- French & Spanish (conversational)
- Sibelius, Microsoft Office, Logic Pro X, Pro Tools, Audacity, Reaper, Garageband, Fruity Loops