

Christoph Wagner

EDUCATION

Rice University

Doctor of Musical Arts – Cello Performance

- Major Teacher: Professor Norman Fischer
- Completed Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning from the Center for Teaching Excellence

Houston, TX

May 2023

Indiana University

Master of Music – Cello Performance

- Major Teacher: Professor Emilio Colon

Bloomington, IN

May 2017

University of Music Frankfurt

Bachelor of Music – Cello Performance

- Major Teachers: Professor Michael Sanderling and Professor Bonian Tian

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Feb. 2015

University of Music Saar

Bachelor of Music – Music Education & String Pedagogy

- Major Teacher: Professor Ulrich Voss

Saarbrücken, Germany

July 2010

COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lone Star College – Montgomery

Adjunct Faculty of Music

- Taught cello and double bass students of different levels and from diverse background
- Planned and oversaw weekly instrumental studio classes

Conroe, TX

Jan. 2022 - May 2023

Lone Star College – University Park

Adjunct Faculty of Music and Director of the Symphony Orchestra

- Developed lower strings curriculum for various college levels, taught students from diverse backgrounds, successfully prepared cello students for auditions at major universities
- Directed symphony orchestra, selecting students from auditions, choosing repertoire, and organizing performances
- Co-founded a Performing Arts Medicine Conference; planned two-day program and coordinated with speakers

Houston, TX

Aug. 2018 - May 2023

Rice University Shepherd School of Music

Instructor of Record for MUSI 395 – Concentration Violoncello

- Taught non-major cello students from beginner to advanced levels

Houston, TX

Aug. 2018 - May 2020

Rice University Shepherd School of Music

Instructor of Record for MUSI 117 – Fundamentals of Music (Classroom Teaching)

Music Fundamentals is an introductory class to the foundations of music, primarily Western Classical music; course included three exams and two listening and composition based projects

- Taught and mentored 20 non-major students per semester, designed syllabus, evaluated student grades, created and assigned exams, and oversaw special projects
- Incorporated various technological tools, including live polls, interactive word clouds, and an online exercise program of the text book

Houston, TX

Aug. 2018 - May 2020

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Richmond Department of Music

Guest Residency

- Taught individual lessons to cello students, coached chamber music groups, led orchestra sectionals, presented workshop on wellness and performance, conducted research on musicians' injuries

Richmond, VA

Mar. 2023

Universidad Nacional de Asunción – Facultad de Arquitectura, Diseño y Arte

Guest Artist Teacher

- Taught masterclasses for cello and string instruments, led workshops on musician wellness and peak performance
- Directed the symphony orchestra and coached chamber music ensembles
- Provided teacher training to university faculty and regional music teachers

Asunción, Paraguay

Feb. 2023

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| University of Richmond Department of Music <i>Guest Artist Teacher</i> | Richmond, VA Nov. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided advanced cello students in individual lessons, coached chamber music ensembles, led orchestra sectionals, presented different workshops on musicians' health and peak performance | |
| Virginia Commonwealth University School of Music <i>Guest Clinician</i> | Richmond, VA Oct. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated lessons for advanced cello students in public masterclass | |
| Bolivia Clasica Music Festival <i>Teaching Fellow of "Musaid"</i> | La Paz, Bolivia May - June 2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed syllabus and taught cello, chamber music and orchestra under the supervision of Mimi Zweig; facilitated teacher training | |

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

SOLO / CHAMBER MUSIC (most recent)

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| Recitals with Pianist Cosmin Boeru | Germany Dec. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works by Debussy, Martinu, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov • Performed in Wiesbaden, Cologne, and Karlsruhe | |
| University of Richmond Perkinson Recital Hall <i>Duo Recital with Dr. Joanne Kong</i> | Richmond, VA Nov. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works by Debussy, Martinu, Mendelssohn, Chopin | |
| The Menil Collection & DA CAMERA <i>Chamber Music</i> | Houston, TX Mar. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary chamber music in reference to the exhibition of Marcia Kure's wall drawing series, including Jessie Montgomery's string quartet "Source Code" | |
| The Menil Collection & DA CAMERA <i>Chamber Music</i> | Houston, TX Feb. 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary chamber music in reference to the exhibition of Bruce Davidson's photographs, including premiere of Nicky Sohn's piano trio "Fresh Post" | |
| Rice University <i>Korean Music Festival</i> | Houston, TX Nov. 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performances and premieres of music written by Korean composers, collaboration with Korean musicians and traditional instruments | |
| <i>ORCHESTRA</i> | |
| Owensboro Symphony Orchestra <i>Assistant Principal Cellist</i> | Owensboro, KY 2016/2017 |
| Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra <i>Sectional Cellist</i> | Evansville, IN 2016/2017 |
| Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra <i>Sectional Cellist</i> | Columbus, IN 2016/2017 |
| Aspen Festival Orchestra <i>Assistant Principal Cellist</i> | Aspen, CO 2016 |
| WDR-Radio-Orchestra <i>Substitute Cellist</i> | Cologne, Germany 2015 |
| Gürzenich-Orchestra & Opera Cologne <i>Sectional Cellist</i> | Cologne, Germany 2013 - 2014 |
| Junge Deutsche Philharmonie (German Youth Orchestra) <i>Member</i> | Germany 2011 - 2015 |

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DA CAMERA

Young Artist Fellow

Houston, TX
Aug. 2018 - May 2020

- Collaborated with other artists for concerts in the Houston community and performances in local schools
- Created school performance concepts ("Music Encounters") designed to enhance the learning of a particular subject matter through a musical story and musical performance
- Organized individual project of a three-class cumulative curriculum addressing the body-mind-soul connection by exploring music in context of the body, emotions, and the mind
- Partnered with a local plant-based food service to create awareness in the realm of health, mindfulness, and music and equip the students with key decision-making tools

Los Angeles Street Symphony

String Quartet Summer Residency

Los Angeles, CA
2018

- Presented performances, workshops, and collaborations with the homeless community of Skid Row, and a performance at the California Institution for Women in Chino Hills

Live Music Now - Yehudi Menuhin Foundation

Young Artist Fellow

Frankfurt/M, Germany
2011 - 2015

- Performed concerts in social and educational institutions, designed and moderated programs

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Houston Methodist Research Institute

Graduate Research Fellow

Houston, TX
Feb. 2021 - Dec. 2022

- Conducted research on injuries in professional orchestral musicians for doctoral thesis

Rice University

Graduate Teaching Fellow (Rice University Mini Course Series)

Houston, TX
Jan. 2020 - May 2020

- Designed a four week online peak performance course for music students featuring fitness and lifestyle concepts, mental training and goal setting strategies for continued wellbeing and success
- Collected assessment data in form of a questionnaire at the beginning and the end to measure the following parameters: health (injury, tension, instrumental specific issues), fitness, stress, performance anxiety, concentration, self-efficacy
- Results showed clear need for more health and performance education (IRB: IRB-FY2017-294)

Museo Internazionale e Biblioteca della Musica

Recipient of the Amici di Via Gabina Fellowship

Bologna, Italy
June 2019

- Conducted research about 18th and 19th Century Italian cello repertoire mainly in Bologna ("Museo Internazionale e Biblioteca della Musica"), as well as in Rome ("Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia"), Perugia and Florence

Rice University Center for Teaching Excellence

Research Project as part of "UNIV 501 Research in Teaching and Learning"

Houston, TX
Jan. 2019 - May 2019

- Conducted substantial literature review on "How can mindfulness, meditation and mental training effectively support student learning in instrumental classes," presented research poster

SERVICE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Rice University DOERR Institute for New Leaders

Graduate Ambassador

Houston, TX
Aug. 2021 - May 2023

- Collaborate with peers to recruit students to participate in various trainings and organized leadership town hall
- Awarded Leadership Stipend for extraordinary achievements as a campus leader

Rice University Graduate Student Association (Shepherd School of Music)

Founder and President

Houston, TX
Jan. 2020 - May 2023

- Influenced organization-wide stakeholders at all levels and correspond with the President of the Rice campus-wide Graduate Student Association
- Fundraised for major student led performance, delegated marketing campaign through leading Houston media outlets

Rice University Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Graduate Founders Summit Finalist

Houston, TX
Aug. 2021

- Developed a business plan and presented pitch in a 48-hour hackathon, collaborating closely with a team of 4 peers

Rice University Graduate Student Association

Houston, TX

*Programming Director**Apr. 2019 - Apr. 2020*

- Oversaw funding and collaborated with the VP of Finance for logistics, budget, and grant applications
- Advised and coached clubs and cultural groups on strategic implementation of social and educational events

Rice University

Houston, TX

*Graduate Representative**Aug. 2018 - May 2019*

- Served on the following committees: SAPP Grants Committee, Athletics Committee, Intramural Sports Committee, GSA Grants Committee, GSA Wellbeing Committee, GSA Sustainability Committee

SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**Rice University Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

Houston, TX

*Rice Experiment Fund Grant**Mar. 2023*

- Awarded grant for research about online technologies to support musician peak performance

Rice University Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Houston, TX

*Expanding Horizon Fellowship for International Research and Community Engagement**Jan. 2023*

- Awarded scholarship for research and teaching project in Paraguay

DA CAMERA of Houston

Houston, TX

*DA CAMERA Young Artist Fellowship**Aug. 2018 - May 2020*

- Awarded stipend, received leadership and arts educator training

Rice University

Houston, TX

*Mary Hobson Shepherd Teaching Fellowship**2019/2020**Mary Louise Embry Estill Scholarship**2019/2020**Benjamin Armistead Shepherd Teaching Fellowship**2018/2019**Minnie S. Cappel Award**2018/2019**Shepherd School Tuition Award**2017/2018*

- Awarded full tuition waiver and stipend for doctoral studies

*Amici di Via Gabina Fellowship**July 2019*

- Awarded travel fellowship for research and performances in Italy

*Hershel Rich Family Endowment Award for Community Engagement**Mar. 2019*

- Awarded grant for outreach and community engagement projects about food sustainability and climate change

*Robert Lowry Patten Award for Community Service**2018 & 2019*

- Selected twice as outstanding campus leader and honored for extracurricular engagement

*Mary Ellen Hale Lovett Traveling Fellowship**2018***National Society of Arts and Letters Competition**

Bloomington, IN

*Catherine McDonald Memorial Award**2017**2nd Prize and The Hegarty Award**2016***Theodor-Rogler-Foundation**

Germany

*Young Artist Grant**2016***Indiana University Jacobs School of Music**

Bloomington, IN

*Peter & Monika Kroener Dean's International Fellowship**2016**Artistic Excellence Award**2015***Richard-Wagner-Foundation**

Frankfurt/M, Germany

*Young Artist Fellowship**2015***LIONS-Club**

Karlsruhe, Germany

*Young Artist Grant**2015***Peter-Pirazzi-Competition**

Frankfurt/M, Germany

*1st Prize and Fellowship**2013***Ribalta Mozart Italia**

Narni, Italy

*1st Prize and Special Prize for Best Instrumental Performance**2013*