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violin & viola

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MUSICAL STUDIES

- Dr. Tami Lee Hughes, associate professor of violin at the University of Kansas, 2006-present
- Dr. Peter Chun, associate professor of viola at the University of Kansas, 2008-present
- Ben Sayevich, holds Artist Diploma from the New England Conservatory, 2005-2006
- Dr. Elizabeth Kuefler (DMA in Viola, Stony Brook University), 1995-2005
- Carolyn Sandquist, Topeka, Kansas, 1993-1995

SUMMER FESTIVALS

- Aspen Music Festival and School, (lessons with Paul Kantor), 2008
- Sound Encounters, Ottawa University, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 (including master classes with Brian Lewis, William Preucil, Paul Kantor, and Catherine Cho)
- Sunflower Music Festival Blanche Bryden Institute, 2005 (chamber music coaching with Charles Stegeman and Mark Tanner)

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

- University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Concertmaster, 2008; Principle second, 2007-2009
- Topeka Symphony Youth Orchestra: Associate Concertmaster, 2004-2005; Principal second violin, 2002-2004
- Topeka Symphony Youth Sinfonietta (chamber string ensemble of the Topeka Symphony Youth Orchestra) 2003-2004; performed for Kansas Sesquicentennial
- Topeka Symphony Youth Philharmonic: Concertmaster, 2001-2002; First violin, 2000-2001

MUSICAL HONORS

- Master class with Gil Shaham at Hesston-Bethel College, November 2007
- Master class with the Ahn Trio at the University of Kansas, October 2007
- Colglazier String Music Scholarship, University of Kansas, 2007 (4 year renewable)
- Topeka Symphony Youth Talent Competition
 - Overall winner, 2007: performed Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole, mvmt. 1 with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra, April 21, 2007
 - Runner-up winner, 2005; performed Bruch's Violin Concerto in G Minor, mvmt. 1 with Topeka Symphony Youth Orchestra
 - Strings division winner, 2006
- Elna Friedstrom Scholarship, 2002, 2004 (Awarded to noteworthy members of the Topeka Youth Orchestra)
- Kansas State Fiddle Championship, 2nd place, 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teach beginning to intermediate students at Hume Music in Topeka, KS, 2005-present