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EXPERIENCE

SYRACUSE, NY
SUMMER 2010 -
SUMMER 2011

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Newhouse Website Contributing Writer

- Contribute arts-related articles to Musehouse and Otto-Tune blogs
- Photograph events to complement articles on website

BUFFALO, NY
SUMMER 2009

THE BUFFALO SPREE MAGAZINE

Editorial Intern

- Worked as guest editor of annual Performing Arts Guide
- Published articles in magazine, Forever Young newspaper and Spree website that appeared in monthly issues from August to November
- Worked closely with editors to polish writing, editing and fact checking skills
- Interviewed local performing artists and community members

ROCHESTER, NY

FALL 2007 -
SPRING 2010

CAMPUS TIMES

Contributing writer, Arts and Entertainment

- Attended campus-based music performances and wrote reviews for the Arts and Entertainment section
- Worked with editors to develop finished copy

ROCHESTER, NY

FALL 2007 -
SPRING 2010

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Executive Concert Office Assistant

- Created and designed event programs, logos and advertisements for over 50 events
- Organized, coordinated, publicized, and networked for performance events
- Maintained communications throughout department among department chairs, ensembles, students and alumni
- Interacted with fellow students to organize ensembles and concerts

SYRACUSE, NY

FALL 2010 -
PRESENT

KITTY HOYNE'S IRISH PUB

Waitress

- Work up to 30 hours per week
- Participate in weekly Irish music sessions

SYRACUSE, NY

FALL 2010 -
PRESENT

CELLO TEACHER

Instructor

- Teach beginner to intermediate cello students in weekly private lessons

BUFFALO, NY

FALL 2008 -
PRESENT

EDUCATION

SYRACUSE, NY
SUMMER 2010-
SUMMER 2011

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Goldring Arts Journalism Master's Program

- Concentration in Classical and World Music
- Recipient of 2010-11 Donald Vinik Fellowship

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ROCHESTER, NY
MAY 2010

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Bachelor of Arts, Music Performance

Bachelor of Arts, English

Certificate in Ethnomusicology from the Eastman School of Music

- Overall GPA 3.84 out of 4.0; Dean's List eight of eight eligible semesters; graduated Cum Laude
 - Golden Key International Honor Society
 - National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 - Edith Keyes Harris Scholarship
- Youth Orchestra Scholarship
- Completed clusters (three thematically linked courses) in Anthropology and Brain & Cognitive Science

PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCE

CELTIC
FOUNDED
FALL 2007

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER CELTIC CLUB

Founder, Co-President, Business Manager

- Taught Irish dance, music and culture to undergraduates from experience as a Champion Irish dancer and Irish musician (on the cello and bodhrán)
- Organized and publicized Irish cultural events in city of Rochester
- Coordinated collaborative events and performances on campus, which included the "Post Patty's Day Party" which drew over 150 audience members annually
- Enhanced business management skills by working with Student Activities to gain official club recognition and club funding
- Performed at community events such as the Rochester Irish Festival
- Participated in music and dance tour to Waterford, Ireland with Rochester chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Summer 2010

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER ENSEMBLES

Cellist

- Winner of the University of Rochester 2009-10 Concerto Competition
- Principal cellist of University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra
- Manager of campus gigging quartet: performances for Colin Powell, Anderson Cooper, Stephen Chu, Bill Nye, United States Ambassador to Chile Paul Simon, and professorship events
- Organized pops concert fundraiser for the University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra's tour to Chile that raised over \$1,000
- Collaborated and performed with the "Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles e infantiles de Chile" in Santiago, Chile

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC ENSEMBLES

- Member and dancer in ESM Gamelan Ensemble
- Primary cello lessons with ESM String Department Chair, Alan Harris
 - Member of Eastman Student Symphony Orchestra

SKILLS

News Writing and Reporting
Critical Writing
Writing on Art and Music

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe InDesign

Microsoft Office
Microsoft Word
Web Design

Social Media
Wordpress Blogging