

SARA PETOKAS, HORN

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EDUCATION

- DMA** Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, IN May 2020
Doctor of Music, Horn Performance, *In Progress*
Dissertation: "A Method for Classical Horn in the Modern Era."
Committee: Richard Seraphinoff (chair), Jeff Nelsen, Joey Tartell
Minor Area: Music Theory
Secondary Area of Study: Classical and Baroque Horn
Teachers: Jeff Nelsen, Richard Seraphinoff, Dale Clevenger
- MM** Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY May 2017
Master of Music, Horn Performance and Literature
Thesis: "Extended Techniques on the Horn."
Advisor: Peter Kurau
Teachers: Peter Kurau, William Vermeulen, Jacek Muzik
- BM** Mansfield University, Mansfield May 2015
Bachelor of Music, Music Education
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, 3.997 GPA
Teacher: Rebecca Dodson-Webster

RESEARCH

- Dissertation**, Indiana University, *In Progress* 2020- Current
Advisor: Richard Seraphinoff
 - Committee: Jeff Nelsen, Richard Seraphinoff, and Joey Tartell
- "Extended Techniques"**, Eastman School of Music April 2017
Peter Kurau, Advisor
 - Master's Research Project
 - Presentation for Faculty at Eastman School of Music
- Student Teaching Research Project**, Mansfield University 2014 to 2015
Sheryl Monkelin, Advisor
 - Designed a full 5/6th grade music Curriculum for one year of study

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Marian University, Indianapolis, IN

August 2020 to May 2022

Adjunct Instructor

- Taught weekly Horn Lessons, undergraduate and secondary student instructor
- Prepared and organized Weekly Masterclasses
- Instructor of Aural Skills Classes Levels 1-4
- Instructor of Post Tonal Analytical Techniques
- Instructor of Brass Methods
- Instructor of Music Technology
- Band Assistant: Conducted the students, organized and led sectionals, facilitated with recording projects and performances.
- Assistant Director of the Marian University Basketball Band
- Assistant Director of the Brass Ensemble; Conducted for performances and rehearsals, rehearsed students and selected repertoire.

El Sistema, Indianapolis

May 2020 to Current

Lead Teaching Artists

- Compiles a curriculum and lesson plans based on the discussion between ED and teaching artists and adjust as needed
- Communicates, and collaborates with assistant teaching artists
- Oversee tasks that may be delegated to students
- Provides instruction to students
- Communicate with families as needed regarding student issues in their classroom
- Attend and direct concerts

Lessonface.com, Online Teaching Studio

May 2020 to Current

Instructor of Horn, Music Theory, and Piano

- Taught Horn, Music Theory and Piano Lessons to individuals of all ages.
- Earned badges of Student Favorite and Popular

Private Instructor, Indianapolis, IN

2011 to Current

Instructor of Horn, Music Theory, and Piano

- Developed and maintained a private studio
- Recruited students online and for in-person instruction

Brass Staff, Center Grove High School

2021- 2022

- Taught and Led Sectionals for the High School Concert Bands

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

August 2018 to Aug 2020

Graduate Assistant, Performing Ensembles Division Library

- Led staff in supervising projects and tasks to reach specified deadlines.
- Navigated multiple projects simultaneously
- Organized library staff schedules\ Liaison for interaction between library staff and music faculty at Indiana University
- Filed and scanned music, created and bound scores

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Guest Lecturer, IU Horn Studio, Jeff Nelsen

August 2017 to May 2020

- Lectured on various topics to the IU Horn Studio
- Led morning warm-up classes to the IU Horn Studios

ENSEMBLE POSITIONS HELD

Lafayette Symphony Orchestra August 2022- Present
Fourth Horn

Endless Mountains Music Festival July 2022- August 2022
Associate Principal Horn

Carmel Symphony Orchestra Feb 2022- Present
First Call Substitute Horn

Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Feb 2022- Present
Substitute Horn

Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra Feb 2022- Present
Substitute Horn

Danville Symphony Orchestra March 2022- Present
Substitute Horn

Kokomo Symphony Orchestra March 2022- Present
Substitute Horn

Indianapolis Symphonic Band Fall 2021- Present
Principal Horn/ Rotating

Indiana Wind Symphony Fall 2021- Present
Assistant Principal Horn/ Rotating

Flower City Brass September 2016- Present
Core/ Founding Member

Hendricks Symphony Orchestra Spring 2021- Fall 2021
Principal Horn

Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival July 2018
Principal Horn, Festival Orchestra

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra August 2018- May 2020
Substitute Horn

Indiana University Conductors Orchestra August 2017- May 2020
Student and Faculty Conductors

Indiana University Baroque Orchestra September 2017- May 2020
Stanley Ritchie, Conductor
Classical/ Baroque Horn

Eastman Wind Ensemble August 2015- May 2017
Mark Davis Scatterday, conductor
Rotating Horn

Eastman Philharmonia August 2015- May 2017
Neil Varon, conductor
Rotating Horn

Musica Nova August 2015- May 2017
Brad Lubman, conductor
Rotating Horn

Eastman Conductors Orchestra August 2015- May 2017
Student Conductors
Rotating Horn

Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra August 2012- May 2013
Robert Helmacy, Conductor
Principal Horn

Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra August 2013- May 2015
Robert Helmacy, Conductor
Assistant Principal Horn

SELECTED SOLO PERFORMANCE

Marian Faculty Recital, Marian University Theatre November 30, 2021
Maureen Walton, Piano

Doctoral Solo Recital, Auer Hall February 21, 2020
Allan Armstrong, Piano

Indiana University Baroque Orchestra November 16, 2019
Works by: Georg Philip Telemann and Johann Joseph Fux
Telemann Concerto for Two Horns, TWV 52:D2
*Principal Baroque Horn

Doctoral Solo Recital, Auer Hall October 13, 2019
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Lucy Zeng, Piano
Allan Armstrong, Piano

Students of Jeff Nelsen Recital October 25, 2019
Lucy Zeng, Piano
From “Musings: An Ode to the Greek Muses” by Dana Wilson

Students of Jeff Nelsen Recital March 30, 2018
Allan Armstrong, Piano
Reinhold Gliere, Romance

Students of Jeff Nelsen Recital October 25, 2017
Dr. Allan Armstrong, Piano
Paul Hindemith- Horn Sonata, Lebhaft

Flower City Brass with the Eastman Wind Ensemble February 21, 2018
Performed Jeff Tyzik’s “New York City Scape.”
Guest Soloists with the Eastman Wind Ensemble

Masters Solo Recital, Hatch Recital Hall 2017
Performance Certificate Candidate

Vie, for Solo Horn 2017
By Dr. Tyler Taylor
Premiered in Auer Hall in Rochester, NY

Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra Fall 2013
Guest Horn Soloist
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Horn Concerto No. 4

Mansfield University Orchestra Fall 2013
Concerto Competition Winner
Camille Saint Saens, Marceau Du Concert

SELECTED CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra. May 20 & 21, 2022
Nun Danket Alle Got
BWV 79
1st/ 2nd Baroque Horn

Indiana Wind Symphony October 16, 2021
Wind Gems in Miniature
Principal Horn

Flower City Brass Summer 2021
Recitals at the Aspen Music Festival

Aspen, Colorado

Bach Cantata Project

October 2020

Bloomington Indiana

Bach Cantata No. 5

Baroque Horn

Marian University Brass Ensemble

November 9, 2020

Guest Faculty Performer

Flower City Brass Tour

March 2020

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

November 21, 22, 23, 24 2019

Marian University Theatre

Horn

Big Red Horn Club Recital

April 26, 2019

Louis- Francois Dauprat, Sextet for Horns in Different Keys, Op. 10 #3

1st Horn in Bb alto

Philip Jones International Brass Ensemble Competition

July 20, 2019

Semi-finalist

Manchester, UK

June in Buffalo

June 4, 2019

A New Music Festival in Buffalo, NY

Slee Sinfonietta

Guest Principal Horn

Student Composition Recital, Indiana University

January 13, 2018

Horn Quartet- "Some Notes" by Tyler Taylor

Lacey HyunJeong Yun, Master of Music Recital, Auer Hall

November 19, 2019

Gustav Jenner, Trio in E-flat Major for Clarinet, Horn and Piano

ElectroBrass Conference

November 2, 3 2018

Brooklyn College, NY

Flower City Brass

Program Included:

- Game Overture- Zachary Wilson
- Dance of the Ocean Breeze- Roger Kellaway
- Suite Electroniq- Brett Copeland

Stockholm Chamber Brass Academy

July- August 2018

Leksand, Sweden

Flower City Brass

Participant

Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival July 2018
Performed Jeff Tyzik's "New York City Scape."
Student/ Faculty Performances
Principal Horn of the Festival Orchestra

Frankenwald Brass Festival with Rekkenze Brass Summer 2017
Haus Marteau, Germany
Flower City Brass
Participant

Indiana University Chamber Orchestra. September 13, 2017
Antonin Dvorak, Serenade No. 2 in d minor, op. 44
*Principal Horn

Eastman Horn Choir November 4, 2016
"Homage to St. Hubert"
W. Peter Kurau, director

Eastman Horn Choir November 30, 2016
"Live from Hochstein"
A Cornucopia of Holiday Delights

Eastman Horn Choir March 29, 2016
A Musical Travelogue
Music by Baldwin, Turner, Sibelius and others.

Eastman Trumpet Festival Closing Concert March 19, 2016
Eastman Faculty Brass Quintet
Oskar Böhme, Sextet for Brass in Eb Minor, Op. 30
Guest soloist: Mark Gould

Eastman Brass Guild March 19, 2016
James Thompson, Conductor

Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Eric Ewazen November 20, 2016
Master Class
Root Quintet
Colchester Fantasy

SELECTED LARGE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

Kokomo Park Band June 22, 2022
Summer Concert
Principal Horn

Carmel Symphony Orchestra May 14, 2022
Family Fun

Horn 4

Lafayette Symphony Orchestra

New World

Horn 4

May 7, 2022The

Danville Symphony Orchestra

Summer Concert

Principal Horn

April 30 & May 3, 2022

Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Master Works 5

Horn 5

April 23, 2022

Lafayette Symphony Orchestra

Influencers

Horn 2

April 2, 2022

Indiana Wind Symphony

Winter Festival

Assistant Principal Horn

February 20, 2021

Indiana Wind Symphony

Santa and Mrs. Claus

Assistant Principal Horn

December 5, 2021

Indiana Wind Symphony

Time for Reflection

Assistant Principal Horn

November 21, 2021

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Conexiones, Diverse Voices of Spain and the Americas

Assistant Principal Horn

February 8, 2020

Indiana University Baroque Orchestra

Stanley Ritchie, Conductor

Ingrid Matthews, Guest Director

Georg Philipp Telemann- Concerto in D Major for Two Horns, Strings and Continuo

TWV 52:D2

Baroque Horn 1

September 20, 2018

Indianapolis Symphonic Band

Christmas Celebration

Third Horn

December 10, 2019

University Chorale Conductors Orchestra

February 26, 2019

Joshua Harper, Conductor
Franz Joseph Haydn, *Te Deum*
*Principal Horn

Indiana University Concert Orchestra April 5, 6, 12, 13 and April 7, 2019
Leonard Bernstein's Mass
*Principal Horn

Conductors Orchestra September 20, 2018
Joseph Stepec, Conductor
Mozart, Overture to *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Dvorak Symphony No. 8

Conductors Orchestra April 17, 2019
Sam Ritter, Conductor
Music by Benjamin Britten, Maurice Ravel and Edvard Elgar and Aleksander Borodin

Indiana University Conductors Orchestra October 3, 2019
Pablo Devigo- Vasquez, Conductor
Program Included works by: Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss- Don Juan

Christmas at Marian December 7, 8 2019
Marian University Theatre
Guest Musician

Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival July 2018
Performed Jeff Tyzik's "New York City Scape."
Student/ Faculty Performances
Principal Horn of the Festival Orchestra

Eastman Philharmonia April 6-9, 2017
Eastman Opera Theatre
Steven Daigle, Stage Director
Jules Massenet, Cendrillon
*Principal Horn

Eastman Philharmonia February 5, 2017
Neil Varon, Conductor
*Principal Horn, Beethoven Leonore Overture
-Till Eulenspiegel lustige Steiche, Op. 28

Greece Symphony Orchestra April 2, 2017
"Jump into Spring" Concert
Dr. David Fetler, Music Director
*Principal Horn

Eastman Wind Ensemble September 23, 2016
Mark Davis Scatterday, Conductor

- Eastman Wind Ensemble** October 6, 2016
Mark Davis Scatterday, Kevin Holzman, Eric Laprade, conductors
Donald Hunsberger, conductor emeritus
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** September 23, 2016
Mark Davis Scatterday, conductor
Hammersmith, Gustav Holst; Maslanka Symphony No. 8
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** May 2, 2016
Mark Davis Scatterday; Toru Miura and Jonathan Russel, Guest Conductors
Includes World Premiere of Fantasy on Five by Jonathan Russel
- New York State Ballet and RIT Orchestra** March 5, 2016
Music for Shakespeare
Felix Mendelssohn, A Midsummer Night's Dream
- New York State Ballet and RIT Orchestra** April 23 & 24, 2016
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Felix Mendelssohn, A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** December 2, 2015
Mark Davis Scatterday, Kevin Holzman, Eric Laprade, conductors
- Ossia New Music Ensemble** October 1, 2015
Eastman School of Music, Kilbourn Hall
Lutoslawski, Mini Overture
Root Quintet
- Eastman Philharmonia** November 9, 2015
Neil Varon and Boon Hua Lien, Conductors
Mahler, Symphony No. 10; Siegfied's Funeral Music from Götterdämmerung; Bruch,
Scottish Fantasy
- Eastman Philharmonia** December 2, 2015
Meliora Weekend @ Eastman
Neil Varon, Conductor
Brahms Symphony No. 2
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** December 2, 2015
Mark Davis Scatterday, Kevin Holzman, Eric Laprade, conductors
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** September 25, 2015
Steven Stucky, Fanfares and Arias; Bert Appermont, Colors for Trombone and Wind
Ensemble
- Eastman Wind Ensemble** December 2, 2015
Craig Kirchhoff and Donald Hunsberger, Guest Conductors
*Principal Horn

Greece Symphony Orchestra
“Music for the Holiday Season”
Dr. David Fetler, Music Director
*Principal Horn

December 13, 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

Lessonface Presents Lessonface Presents with Barbara Currie	January 30, 2022
Aspen Music Festival Fellowship, Flower City Brass	June 22- July 26 2021
Philip Jones International Music Competition , Manchester, UK Flower City Brass Invitation, USA Semifinalist	July 2019
Syed R Ali-Zaidi Award Nominee	2015
Outstanding Senior Nominee	2015
Presser Music Scholarship	2014-2015
Transfer Student with highest QPA	2013 Honors Banquet
Concerto Competition Winner	2013

COMMISSIONS

“Gasps,” for Brass Quintet By Alfred Jumenez Premiered in Leksand, Sweden	2018
Vie, for Solo Horn By Dr. Tyler Taylor Premiered in Rochester, NY	2017
“Brassy Capriccio.” for Brass Quintet Dedicated to Flower City Brass By Art Michaels	2017

DISCOGRAPHY

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra. Nun Danket Alle Got	May 20 & 21, 2022
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1st/ 2nd Baroque Horn

Indiana University Baroque Orchestra
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*Principal Baroque Horn

November 16, 2019

Bach Cantata Project
Bloomington Indiana
Bach Cantata No. 5
Baroque Horn

October 2020

Indiana University Baroque Orchestra
Parnasso in Festa, HWV 73
Jeffrey Thomas, Conductor
*Baroque Horn

February 2020

Flower City Brass with the Eastman Wind Ensemble
Performed Jeff Tyzik's "New York City Scape."
Guest Soloists

February 21, 2018

Eastman Wind Ensemble
– "Music of Jeff Tyzik" Summit Records
*Second Horn

Released Fall 2017
Recorded May 2016, 2017

Eastman Philharmonia
– "Music of Samuel Adler" Summit Records
*Third Horn

Released Fall 2017

Eastman Wind Ensemble
– "Sierra Live" Summit Records (2016) – DCD695
*Fourth Horn

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS AND INFLUENCERS

David Cooper
William Vermeulen
Roger Kaza
Jacek Muzik
Bill Caballero
William Purvis
Denise Tryon

OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Haus Marteau Brass Course & Frankenwald Brass Festival.
Lichtenberg, Germany

With Flower City Brass
- Performance, Recruitment, and Representation Initiative/Residency through James Thompson and the Eastman School of Music.

Summer 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NAFME, 2012-Present
Member

International Horn Society (HIS), 2012-Present
Member

Northeast Horn Workshop Adjudicator, Spring 2021

ISSMA Adjudicator, January 2021- Present

LIBRARIAN/ ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

Indianapolis Symphonic Band August 2019- Present
Head Librarian

GMH Jazz Orchestra August 2019- Present
Librarian

Indiana University, Performing Ensembles Division August 2018- August 2020
Graduate Assistant, Librarian

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Novice Speaker, Advanced Reading and Writing

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Production Volunteer at Emmanuel Church, Garfield Park Campus

- Sound engineering for services and special events at Emmanuel Church
- Operates and Programs lights for services and special events

Sound Engineer

- Production Operation for GMH Jazz Orchestra
- Sound Engineer in production of live audio recording for GMH

Sibelius: music notation, music arranging

Audacity: sound recording, editing, mixing

Microsoft suite: advertising, utilizing programs for elevating the arts

REFERENCES

Jeff Nelsen

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