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Orchestral Musician

Affiliated Horn Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops	2005-present
Principal Horn Aspen Chamber Symphony Robert Spano and David Zinman, Music Directors	2000-2012
Second Horn The Cleveland Orchestra Christoph von Dohnanyi and Franz Welser-Möst, Music Directors	1987-2005
Second Horn Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra David Zinman, Music Director	1979-1987

Educator

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Affiliated Artist	2017-present
New England Conservatory College Faculty, chamber music coach, wind/brass/percussion sectional conductor, Entrepreneurial Musicianship department instructor.	2010-present
New England Conservatory Prep Brass Chair of the Preparatory School; faculty of NEC at Walnut Hill; Director of the NEC Youth Brass Ensemble.	2009-present
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee Professor of Horn, chamber music coach, wind sectional conductor, Creative Musician and Brass Pedagogy instructor.	2005-present
Music Academy of the West Faculty	2005-2013

Aspen Music Festival and School Faculty	2000-2012
Abreu Fellows Program New England Conservatory Seminar Director	2009-2010
The Philadelphia Orchestra Pre-concert lecturer	2009-2010
Boston Symphony Orchestra Educational Department Educational outreach concerts presenter Pre-concert talks to schoolchildren grades 3-12.	2006-2008
Longy School of Music Graduate seminar presenter on creative musical presentation. Concerto Competition Judge.	2005-2008
Indiana University School of Music Guest faculty	Fall 2005
The Cleveland Institute of Music Horn Professor	1989-2005
Cleveland Orchestra Instrumental Faculty Kent/Blossom Summer Chamber Music Institute	1998-2004

Classroom Educator

Entrepreneurial Musicianship New England Conservatory This class is based on a vision of a world in which music plays a vital role, and in which musicians are agents for change in their communities and across the globe. This class is intended as an exploration of the skills, values and practices that are essential to creating a successful, fulfilling and sustainable career.	2013-present
Brass Pedagogy Boston Conservatory Course objectives are to comprehensively explore all aspects of brass pedagogy; to absorb core principles that will form the basis of our lifelong evolution as brass teachers and performers; to expand our awareness of the different roles of the music teacher; and to get practice at and improve our skills as creative teachers.	2012-present

The Art of Practice and Performance 2010-present
New England Conservatory Prep

This course addresses natural responses to stress, dealing with fear, building courage, harnessing the mind, and recovering from mistakes. Students are asked to participate in focused journaling, relaxation and centering routines, mental rehearsal, adversity training, and performing.

The Creative Musician 2006-present
Boston Conservatory at Berklee

Course objectives are to explore our personal goals in music, to expand our awareness of what is possible to do as musicians, to cultivate our own creativity, and to realize our potential as imaginative performers, teachers, and creative beings.

Career Skills for Musicians 2005-2009
Boston Conservatory

“Career Skills” prepares students to seek, fill, and devise opportunities for careers as musicians in the future by learning and experiencing the necessary perspectives, attitudes and skills to pursue and maintain satisfying and sustainable careers in the broad area of music.

Innovator

Eli Epstein Horn Intensive 1999-present

Creator, administrator and leader of 5-day experiential workshop, which includes master classes, faculty and participant recitals, mock audition, Q/A sessions, MRI Horn video presentations, and discussions on the audition process and performance anxiety management strategies. Intensive has been housed at Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Music Academy of the West, and Brevard Music Center.

Inside Out Concerts 2002-present

Advocating the idea that music can be a meaningful and uplifting force in society, Eli Epstein has created and presented many *Inside Out* programs designed to help people actualize their own potential to enjoy music by accessing their memories and activating their imaginations. In 2009, he won Grand Prize in the Entrepreneur the Arts Contest for Inside Out, and appeared on TV with William Shatner on Heartbeat of America. Inside Out Programs have been presented in Cleveland, Boston, Memphis, Arkansas, Arizona, at the Southeast and Northeast Regional Horn Workshops, Music Academy of the West, and the Chenango MusicFest at Colgate University. Series housed since 2006 in the historic Arlington Street Church, Boston.

Master Classes/Recitalist

International Horn Society Conference Eugene, Oregon	[online] 2020
New England Conservatory	2004, 2018, 2020
Berklee College of Music Berklee Teachers on Teaching	2020
International Horn Society Conference Ghent, Belgium	2019
International Horn Society Conference Ball State University	2018
International Horn Society Conference Ithaca	2016
University of Virginia	2016
Arizona Sate University	2016
International Horn Society Conference Los Angeles	2015
Florida French Horn Festival	2015
International Horn Society Conference London	2014
The Juilliard School	2006, 2009, 2013
Music Academy of the West	2005-2013
Interlochen Horn Institute	2012
Kendall Betts Horn Camp	2012, 2014
Boston Conservatory Summer Brass Intensive	2012
Cleveland Institute of Music (Creative Careers in Music)	2011
Glenn Gould School, Royal Conservatory	2010, 2004
The Colburn School	2009
New World Symphony	1999, 2008
Curtis Institute of Music	2008, 2009
Northeast Regional Horn Workshop	2008, 2013, 2014
Southeast Regional Horn Workshop	2007
Indiana University School of Music	2005
Arizona State University	2005
Boston Conservatory of Music	2005

Boston University	2004
Aspen Music Festival and School	2000-2011
University of Illinois	2002
International Horn Society Symposium at University of Georgia	1999
Royal College of Music (London)	1999
Royal Northern College of Music	1999
Royal Scottish Academy of Music	1999
Castellan Conservatory of Music (Spain)	1999
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)	2006, 1999

Soloist

Mozart Horn Concerto K. 447 Mid-South Horn Conference—Wichita State University	2018
Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 Chameleon Arts Ensemble—Boston	2016
Britten Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings Boston Conservatory Orchestra, Rockland Osgood, tenor Bruce Hangen, conductor	2010
Frank Martin Concerto for Seven Wind Instruments Aspen Chamber Symphony Michael Stern, conductor	2009
Elliott Schwartz's <i>Twilight Arrival</i> Boston Conservatory Wind Ensemble Eric Hewitt, conductor	2007
Schumann Konzertstück The Cleveland Orchestra Pinchas Steinberg, conductor	2005
Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 The Cleveland Orchestra John Nelson, conductor	2001
Schumann Konzertstück	1997

The Cleveland Orchestra Christoph von Dohnanyi, conductor	
Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 The Cleveland Orchestra Leonard Slatkin, conductor	1995
Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for Winds K. 297b The Philadelphia Orchestra William Smith, conductor	1974
Mozart Horn Concerto K. 412 The Philadelphia Orchestra Mason Jones, conductor	1970
Mozart Horn Concerto K.447 The Philadelphia Orchestra William Smith, conductor	1969

Chamber Musician

Inside Out Concerts, Artistic Director 2002-present

NEC Prep Faculty Brass Quintet, founding member 2011-present

Various chamber ensemble concerts at venues such as Jordan Hall, Severance Hall, Blossom Music Center, Tanglewood, Philadelphia's Academy of Music, Kennedy Center, Aspen Music Festival, Music Academy of the West, and The Cleveland Institute of Music.

Collaborations with the Borromeo String Quartet, Brentano String Quartet, Chameleon Arts Ensemble, Emmanuel Music, Radius Ensemble, and Walden Chamber Players.

Conductor

New England Conservatory Youth Brass Ensemble 2009-present
Conductor

New England Conservatory 2006-present
Winds/Brass/Percussion sectionals on major orchestral repertory

Boston Conservatory at Berklee 2015-present
Orchestral Repertoire Class guest conductor

Longwood Symphony Orchestra Winds/Brass sectional conductor	2016
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Sectional conductor	2016
New England Conservatory Brass Ensemble <i>Verdi La Forza del Destino Overture</i>	2013
New England Conservatory Recital Orchestra Mozart <i>Horn Concerto K. 412 with Jennifer Hyde</i> Britten <i>Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings</i>	2012
New England Conservatory Woodwind Ensemble Mozart " <i>Gran Partita</i> " Dvorak <i>Serenade No. 2 in D minor, Op 44</i>	2012
Boston Conservatory Brass Ensemble Handel <i>Water Music</i> Bruckner <i>Motets</i> Holst <i>The Planets</i>	2012
Inside Out Orchestra Music Director Mozart <i>Violin Concerto No. 4, K. 218</i> with Julianne Lee, violin Mozart <i>Symphony No. 29, K. 201</i>	2011
<i>Fundacion Orquesta Sinfonica Juvenil de Guanare Ensemble de Metales</i> Venezuela Guest conductor	2010
Music Academy of the West Guest conductor Strauss Sonatina " <i>From an Invalid's Workshop</i> "	2008
Longy School of Music Guest Conductor Longy Chamber Winds	2007
Boston Conservatory Copland <i>Appalachian Spring</i> Inside Out Program: Exploring Music through Imagination, and Imagination through Music	2006
Music Academy of the West Dvorak <i>Serenade No. 2 in D minor, Op. 44</i>	2006
Cleveland Institute of Music	1999-2005

Brahms *Serenade No. 2*
Hindemith *Der Schwanendreher*
Milhaud *The Creation of the World*.

Discography

Eli Epstein: Orchestral Excerpts for Low Horn 2014
Eli Epstein, horn and commentator. Eli Epstein Productions, 2014, MP3 file, downloadable from *iTunes*, cd baby, and Amazon. Support website: www.epsteinhornexcerpts.com.

Cleveland Orchestra Recordings 1987-2005
Major orchestral works of Bartok, Beethoven, Berg, Berlioz, Birtwistle, Brahms, Bruckner, Busoni, Copland, Debussy, Dvorak, Ives, Janacek, Lieberson, Lutoslawski, Mahler, Mendelssohn, Messiaen, Mozart, Mussorgsky, Prokofiev, Ravel, Rachmaninoff, Ruggles, Schoenberg, Schumann, Shostakovich, Smetana, Stravinsky, Richard Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Varese, Webern, and Wieniawski, and Wagner Ring Operas on Telarc, Teldec, London/Decca, and Polygram (DGG).

Author

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Epstein, Eli. “Horn Playing from the Inside Out, A Method for All Brass Musicians: Second Edition” Boston: Eli Epstein Productions, 2014.

Epstein, Eli. *Horn Playing from the Inside Out: Finger Breathing*, [video file] retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArerPfHbkEk> Filmed June 2013; posted June 2013.

Epstein, Eli. The Creative Hornist, Jeffrey Agrell, Series Editor: “Beyond the Notes: Authentic Expression,” excerpt from *Horn Playing from the Inside Out*. *The Horn Call*, Journal of the International Horn Society, Volume XLIII, No. 2, (February, 2013): 47-48.

Epstein, Eli. Technique Tips, Jeffrey Agrell, Series Editor: “Dynamics!” excerpt from *Horn Playing from the Inside Out*. *The Horn Call*, Journal of the International Horn Society, Volume XLIII, No. 2, (February, 2013): 75-76.

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Epstein, Eli. “Power Practicing.” *The Horn Call*, Journal of the International Horn Society, Vol. XXXIX, No.3, (May, 2009): 50-52.

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“Recording Review: Orchestral Excerpts for Low Horn, by Eli Epstein.” James Boldin’s Horn World, November 19, 2014.

<http://jamesboldin.com/2014/11/19/recording-review-orchestral-excerpts-for-low-horn-by-eli-epstein/>

“Interview and Video: Epstein on Finger Breathing” By John Ericson in Horn Matters, July 9, 2013. <http://hornmatters.com/2013/07/interview-and-video-epstein-on-finger-breathing/>

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“Feeling music's special powers” By Milva DiDomizio, *The Boston Globe*, February 7, 2008.

“IN CONCERT: Method man: Could Eli Epstein be the Stanislavski of classical music instruction?” By Ted Mills *Santa Barbara News-Press*, March 16, 2007.

“Beyond the notes: Eli Epstein helps players, audience connect emotionally” By Tom Jacobs *Santa Barbara News-Press*, August 5, 2005.

“Breathing meaning into classical program” By Donald Rosenberg, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, November 9, 2002

Competitions

Entrepreneur the Arts Contest 2009
Grand Prize Winner for *Inside Out Concerts*
TV appearance with William Shatner on *Heartbeat of America*

Education

Bachelor of Music with High Distinction 1979
Eastman School of Music