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## **EDUCATION**

**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI**

2015- 2019

Bachelor of Music, Music Education

Bachelor of Music Performance, Cello

Anthony Elliott, primary teacher

- School of Music, Theatre, & Dance Merit Scholarship
- James B. Angell Scholar- 3 consecutive terms of all As
- William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize–top 5% of class as a freshman
- University Honors and Dean’s List–3.5+ GPA

GPA 3.93

## **CERTIFICATION**

Provisional Secondary Certificate (JQ)

2019

*Instrumental Music Education K-12*

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**American String Teacher Association (ASTA)** \_\_\_\_\_

2015-Present

- President of University of Michigan Student Chapter 2016-2018
  - Organized and led meetings, constructed goals for the organization, and acted as a liaison between faculty and students.
  - Facilitated recruitment efforts that led to an increase in student membership.
  - Received award in 2019 for “Student Chapter Leadership” by the Michigan ASTA chapter at the Michigan Music Conference.
- Secretary of the University of Michigan Student Chapter 2015-2016
  - Took minutes at meetings and assisted in year-long planning of organization.

**Michigan chapter of the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra (MYYO)**

- President 2017-2018
  - Organized and led meetings, handled weekly communications with organization members, and acted as a liaison between the YYO board and the U-M students.
  - Facilitated recruitment efforts to increase the number of weekly volunteers and sectional leaders.
- Secretary 2016-2017
  - Took minutes at meetings and organized communication with weekly volunteers.

**National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)**

- Secretary of the University of Michigan Student Chapter 2017-2018
  - Took minutes at meetings and assisted in year-long planning of organization.
  - Organized social events such as “Movie Night for Music Educators” with a goal of building a strong network of students dedicated to teaching.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***Orchestra Teacher***      **Troy School District, MI**      2019-Present

- Directing beginning 5th-grade orchestra for all twelve schools in the Troy School District. This includes planning curriculum, instructing orchestra classes of heterogeneous string instruments, preparing for concerts, and collaborating with a co-teacher.

***Class Instructor***      **Crescendo Detroit, Detroit/Detroit, MI**      2017-Present

- Instructing small group beginning/intermediate string classes and preparing students for recitals, focusing on strong posture and set-up as well as progressing musical skill.
- Attending to the social and emotional needs of students in community time, assisting with homework and working through life skills.

***Class Instructor***      **Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, Ypsilanti, MI**      2015-2018

- Instructed small group cello, violin, and viola classes with students aged 6-13 and prepared performance music.
- Taught small group sectionals to focus on practice strategies and proper ensemble skills such as counting, dynamics, listening, and sound production.

***String Music Camp Cello Coach/Counselor***      **MASTA Camp, Howell, MI**      2017, 2018, 2019

- Instructed small rote groups with students ages 10-13 and prepared a performance.
- Taught sectionals to provide more individualized attention to concepts directors highlighted in larger group instruction.
- Instructed beginning chamber music ensembles and prepared a performance.
- In charge of a cabin of 16-18 campers with a co-counselor, helping to ensure a positive camp experience for everyone. This included organizing group activities, nurturing homesick and ill campers, and enforcing camp rules.

***Cover Conductor***      **Arlington High School, LaGrangeville, NY**      2018

- Performed the duties of the orchestra director for a week during a medical leave. This included conducting two orchestras and teaching 3-4 lesson groups daily.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE- INTERN/STUDENT TEACHING

***Student Teacher***      **Saline MS/Heritage Elementary, Saline, MI**      March-June 2019

- Performed the responsibilities of a middle school/ 5th grade orchestra director under mentorship of Ben Culver including leading tuning, warm ups, orchestra rehearsals, administrative tasks, and preparing students for performance.

***Student Teacher***      **Pioneer HS Orchestras, Ann Arbor, MI**      January-March 2019

- Performed the responsibilities of a high school orchestra director under mentorship of Jonathan Glawe including leading tuning, warm ups, orchestra rehearsals, administrative tasks, and preparing students for performance.

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## **PERFORMING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Improvisation - Performing groups***

- BRIGE (Free Improvisation) 2018-Present
  - Released 2021 album *BRIGE presents: This album was recorded in Jacob's Garage*
- U-M Chambergrass (Modern Folk/Fiddle Improvising) 2018
- Orford Improvisation Ensemble (Free Improvisation) 2018
- U-M Baroque Improvisation Ensemble (Baroque Improvisation) 2018

### ***Chamber Music***

- University of Michigan Chamber 2015-2019
  - Performed at National Sawdust in May 2017
  - Premiered several new works including *Pilgrim Soul* for two cellos and bassoon by Augusta Read Thomas and *Company of Birds* by Tanner Porter
- Castleman Quartet Program East 2015

### ***Fiddle/Folk***

- Strawberry Hill Fiddlers 2011-2014
  - Released 2012 CD *Strawberry Jam*
  - Toured Scotland and England in 2012; Toured Vermont in 2014
- (See U-M Chambergrass)

### ***Orchestra***

- University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra 2017-2019
- Oakland Symphony Orchestra
  - Sub, 2019 season
- Dearborn Symphony Orchestra
  - Sub, 2018 season
- Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
  - Sub, 2018 season

### ***Competitions***

- Chamber Society of Lincoln Center Young Artists Competition
  - Winner, performed at Alice Tully Hall in April 2015
- Hudson Valley Philharmonic Virtuoso in Progress Competition
  - Winner, performed the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto in A minor with the Philharmonic in March 2015