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## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI

2015- Present

Bachelor of Music, Music Education

*Anticipated Graduation Date May 2019*

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 3.92

### Arlington High School, LaGrangeville, NY

2011-2015

## CERTIFICATION

Provisional Secondary Certificate (JQ)

*Anticipated June 2019*

## 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 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 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
  - 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 number of weekly volunteers and sectional leaders.
- Secretary
  - Took minutes at meetings and organized communication with weekly volunteers.

### National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)

- Secretary of 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

### ***Class Instructor* Crescendo Detroit, Detroit/Ann Arbor, MI**

2017-Present

- Instructed small group intermediate violin classes and prepared students for a recital, focusing on strong posture and set-up as well as progressing musical skill.
- Lead the entire program in warm-up activities such as teaching “Victors Valiant” to students and teachers.

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

- Instructed small group cello, violin, and viola classes with students age 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 Teacher/Counselor* MASTA Camp, Howell, MI 2017, 2018**

- Instructed small rote groups with students age 10-13 and prepared a performance.
- Taught small group sectionals to provide more individualized attention to concepts directors highlighted in larger group instruction.
- Co-instructed a beginning chamber music ensemble 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.

### ***Substitute Private Cello Teacher* Poughkeepsie, NY June 2016, May 2017, May 2018**

- Taught ~30 cello students ages 7-17 weekly throughout the summer in the absence of Nanette Koch covering material ranging from early Suzuki book level literature to standard cello concertos and Bach Suites.
- Helped prepare students for school/college orchestra auditions and performances.
- Worked on expanding musicality and sound through work on technique and repertoire.

### ***String Music Camp Counselor* Summer Strings, Poughkeepsie, NY 2014-2018**

- Assisted ensembles with students ages 8-16 in sectionals, small groups, or individually to progress sound, accuracy, musicality, and instrument-specific fundamentals.
- Taught extra help sessions on music skills such as counting rhythms and learning music terminology.
- Led recreational games and activities during breaks with the goals of creating a positive social environment for diverse groups of campers.
- Assisted with camp logistics such as escorting students between events, taking attendance, copying music, organizing lunch, and setting up concerts.

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### **Teaching Assistant Michigan Artist Citizens, Ann Arbor, MI** 2016-2017

- Elevated the technical and musical skills of a group of 5th grade students at Mitchell Elementary School with group and individual lessons.
- Supervised classroom behavior and focus during group activities.

### **Private Cello Teacher** 2012-Present

- Taught weekly private lessons on cello to students ages 9-15, working to develop good practice strategies, effective goal setting, tone development, and advancing technique.
- Prepared students for solo and ensemble (NYSSMA) and ensemble auditions (youth orchestra and school).

## **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.

### **Pre-Student Teacher Saline HS 9th Grade Orchestra, Saline, MI** 2018

- Prepared and instructed lessons on topics such as phrasing, tone, and playing in the baroque style
- Led instrument sectionals throughout the orchestra, focusing on reinforcing topics from rehearsals with instrument-specific skills.

### **Pre-Student Teacher Saline MS 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras, Saline, MI** 2018

- Prepared and instructed lessons on topics such as tone, rhythm, style, and musicality
- Led instrument sectionals throughout the orchestra, focusing on reinforcing topics from rehearsals with instrument-specific skills.

### **Pre-Student Teacher Northside 5th grade Vocal Music, Ann Arbor, MI**

2017

- Prepared weekly lesson plans and instructed classes based on cultural and musical themes such as American music, chordal harmony with boomwhackers, movement and form.

### **Pre-Student Teacher Eberwhite K and Special Education Ann Arbor, MI** 2017

- Prepared weekly lesson plans and instructed Kindergarten classes on topics such as storytelling with music and emotion in music.
- Prepared weekly lesson plans and instructed special education classes to meet a variety of emotional, social, and cognitive needs.

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## PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

### *Improvisation - Performing groups*

- BRIGE (Free Improvisation) 2018
- Improvising String Ensemble (Chambergrass) 2018
- Orford Improvisation Ensemble 2018
- Baroque Improvisation Ensemble 2018

### *Chamber Music*

- University of Michigan Mixed Chamber 2017
  - 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
- University of Michigan Quartets 2015-2018
- Castleman Quartet Program East 2015

### *Orchestra*

- University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra 2017-2018
- University of Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra 2015-2017

### *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

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

*Ensemble Manager/Librarian* 2015-2018

### **Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Ann Arbor, MI**

- Responsible for maintaining music library and distributing parts.
- Responsible for taking attendance and ensuring communication between conductor, students, parents, and staff members.
- In charge of managing set up and teardown weekly rehearsals/sectionals.

*Shop Assistant* 2013-2017

### **Amadeus Strings instrument rental shop, Poughkeepsie, NY**

- Provided care of rental instruments by cleaning and making minor repairs.
- Assisted with customer service in store and on the phone calls.
- Filing information and handling monthly billing.