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EDUCATION

Roosevelt University,
Chicago, IL — Master of
Music in Bassoon
Performance
August 2018 – December
2020

McMurry University,
Abilene, TX — Bachelor of
Arts
Major: Music
Minors: Music Education
and English
August 2008 – May 2011
Magna cum laude

INSTRUMENTS

- Bassoon, primary
- Flute
- Saxophones

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chicago, IL; West Texas — Independent Musician and
Instructor
2008–Present

- Bassoonist and educator serving the greater Chicago metropolitan area
- Principal bassoon for the River Valley Wind Ensemble and New Horizons Band
- Regularly performs in a variety of musical engagements, including fully-staged operas and musicals, religious services, traditional symphonic concerts, and intimate chamber experiences Provides tailored and engaging private music lessons that are designed to build confidence, facility, and curiosity
- Performed live on FOX 32's morning news broadcast as promotion for a concert benefitting the Hinsdale Humane Society
- Presented research work on the racism embedded in the recording industry at the International Conference on the Blues at Delta State University
- Further notable collaborations include the Kankakee Municipal Band, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, Fox Valley Orchestra, Wheaton College, Roosevelt University, Evanston Chamber Opera, Concordia University, Elmhurst Symphony, and a once-in-a-lifetime one-night orchestral engagement with the legendary classic rock band, Kansas

Hinsdale Humane Society
Hinsdale, IL — Administrative Manager
July 2024–July 2026

- Administrative coordinator across all departments with a focus on facilitating communication, scheduling, project management, and vendor relations
- Sole grant writer since Quarter 2 of 2025, with over \$20,000 awarded in a highly competitive market
- Over a six-month period, served as Project Manager for a successful website overhaul and modernization, including writing all new verbiage and editing all verbiage to ensure consistency of tone, voice, and message
- Writer for all short animal biographies on the shelter's website
- Trained staff and volunteers on various tasks including software use, cleaning protocols, and the duties of various positions
- Elected as the first "Employee of the Quarter" in December 2025 by staff; this followed the execution of a successful fundraising concert event: "Paws and Preludes: A Candlelight Concert for Compassion," raising over \$12,000 to benefit the shelter