

ROSS BAUMGARDNER

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MUSIC EDUCATOR RESUME

EXPERIENCE

Studio Instructor (studio curriculum available at www.rossbaumgardner.com/general-6) 2008 – Present

Violin

- Instructed students at beginner, intermediate, and advanced (pre-college) levels
- Coached students for All-State, concerto competitions, and high school activities; students regularly receive prizes, selected as principals, and win concerto performances
- Prepared and accompanied students for full recitals performing major works

Piano

- Instructed students at beginner, intermediate, and advanced (pre-college) levels
- Prepared students for recitals performing major works

Viola, cello, bass

- Instructed students at beginner and early intermediate levels
- Prepared students for recitals performing pedagogical works

Chamber music

- Coached chamber music groups at beginner, intermediate, and advanced (including college) levels
- Instructor; North Star Chamber Music Camp & Symposium, Concordia College, 2022

Orchestra Educator, Bismarck Public Schools, Bismarck, ND August 2016 – May 2024

- Grew program enrollment by nearly threefold
- Collaborated with colleagues to develop curriculum, standards, and instructional practices
- Travelled between multiple buildings and negotiated schedules, minutes, and resources

Strolling Strings of Bismarck, coach August 2016 – May 2021

- Coached and accompanied advanced high school string students in a memorized program of 45 minutes of music
- Developed a second middle-level ensemble; oversaw auditions; recruited from 35 participants to a peak of 121 students
- Managed financial accounts, sound equipment, and gig/event calendars

Organist, Comstock-Hoff Lutheran Parish July 2014 – July 2016

- Prepared liturgies, hymns, preludes, postludes on two different organs for weekly and holiday services
- Performed for special events including weddings and funerals

Orchestra musician, Midwest region

- Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra, associate concertmaster – 2 seasons 2016 – 2019, September 2022 – Present
- Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, rostered, 2015-16, and sub-list September 2013 – Present
- Minot Symphony Orchestra, rostered / sub-list / substitute concertmaster September 2020 – Present
- Concordia Orchestra, violin (experience as principal/concertmaster) August 2012 – May 2016
- Bemidji Symphony Orchestra, sub-list November 2023
- Fargo-Moorhead Opera, sub-list August 2016
- Pit orchestra coach, Trollwood Performing Arts, summer 2015; pit orchestra musician, including musicals: Sound of Music, West Side Story, Seussical, Fiddler on the Roof, and others

Chamber musician

Dakota Plains Consortium, violin 1 August 2019 – February 2024

- Performed clarinet quintet works by Mozart, Vaughan-Williams, Coleridge-Taylor, Glazunov, and others
- Performed in Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra's chamber music series featuring works by Terezin Concentration Camp composers – performing works by Ulmann and Ellerby, October 2023

Dakota Chamber Music, participant, violin Summers 2015, 2020-2024

- Performed trio works, quartet works, piano quintet works, by Brahms, Dvorak, and others
- Coaching by Beo String Quartet

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EXPERIENCE (continued)

Solo musician

Violin

- Public recitals of major works including, unaccompanied sonatas by Bach, Ysaÿe, and Prokofiev; sonatas by Mozart and Brahms; concerti by Bruch, Saint-Saens, Barber, Mozart; and other major violin repertoire
- Performed in a master class with Cho Liang Lin, spring 2016
- Primary teachers include Jane Linde Capistran, Benjamin Sung, John Rumney, Dina Neglia

Piano

- Public recitals of major piano works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Chaminade, and others
- Winner, Honors Concerto Competition – performed with orchestra, Concerto no. 3 by Beethoven
- Primary teachers include Grigor Khachatryan, Susan Nagel, Nariaki Sugiura, and David Worth

Bagpipes

- Member, Fez & Thistle Bagpipe and Drum Band, Bismarck, ND
- Performed in Minot County Fair, Mandan July 4th Parade, Beulah Highland Games, and others
- Soloist, Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra, “Celtic Cadences”, work by Maxwell-Davies

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor candidate

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

3.77 current GPA

anticipated May 2027

Master of Public Health candidate

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

4.00 current GPA

anticipated May 2027

Master of Science in Educational Leadership

Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN

3.54 GPA

December 2019

Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Minor in Religion

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

4.00 GPA, summa cum laude

May 2016

RELATED SKILLS

- Sibelius music notation software proficiency
- Arranging, transposing, and transcribing proficiency
- Accompanying / collaborative pianist proficiency
- Bilingual – Spanish (Latin American)
- Owner / Program Manager: Elementary Orchestra Activities, LLC (running music summer camps 2017-2022)
- Martial Arts Instructor: 3rd Degree certified black belt, instructor 2008 – 2016, 2021 – 2024

MUSIC PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES

Baumgardner, R. (2026). Submitted for publication: *Garbage in, garbage out: Tips for Using AI Successfully in Private Music Studios*.

Baumgardner, R. (2024). *Music as a vehicle for soft skill development through standards*. American String Teacher 74.2.

Baumgardner, R. (August 2022). Lecture- *Teaching chamber-music skills*. North Star Chamber Music Camp, Moorhead, MN.