

Chris Rorrer

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Formal Education:

Aug. 2018 – May 2020 Master of Music, Instrumental Performance (Cello)
 Bob Cole Conservatory of Music
 California State University, Long Beach

2012 – 2014 Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
 B.S., Public Health Management and Policy

2009 – 2011 Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University
 Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A.

Work Experience and Training:

Freelance Musician and Actor, Greater Southern California area (Aug. 2020 – Present)

- Perform at weddings and events, compose/record for TV/Film and video games, session musician for numerous artist projects
- Assistant principal cellist of Huntington Beach Symphony and Temecula Valley Symphony. Member of Los Angeles Symphony.
- Perform music and act on-camera for commercials as well as theater productions

Instructor, The Music Abode Collective, Greater Orange County, CA Area (Nov. 2020 – Aug. 2023)

- Co-found the Collective as a thriving music teacher's co-op
- Educate K-12 and adult students in interactive weekly in-home and online cello, piano, ukulele, voice, and guitar lessons
- Hire and train new teachers, organize recitals, supplementary performance events, and masterclasses for students

Instructor, Irvine School of Music, Irvine, CA (Nov. 2020 – July 2021)

- Mentor, engage, and inspire students of all ages on piano, guitar, voice, and cello online and in person using proprietary medal level curriculum. Prepare particularly driven students for the ABSRM, Royal Conservatory of Music, and Certificate of Merit assessments
- Assist with recitals, day-to-day operations and curriculum development

Graduate Assistant, Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, CSU Long Beach (Aug. 2018 – May 2020)

- Organize all CSULB Symphony Orchestra rehearsals and concerts
- Retrieve, copy, and distribute all printed sheet music for musicians
- Coordinate numerous master classes and lectures by visiting artists and presenters
- Oversee String Forum class, in which students perform for the entire strings student body

Instructor/ Marketing Assistant, Eliason School of Music, Portland, Oregon (Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2018)

- Teach in-home and studio lessons to K-12 students on cello, guitar, and piano
- Mentor incoming teachers, build connections with local businesses and refocus advertising campaign

Program Director, Everybody Rocks! Music Camp, Gresham/Rockwood, Oregon (Feb. - August 2017)

- Establish and implement free music outreach program at the Rockwood Center for K-8 students in the East Portland metro area, offering classes in ukulele, percussion, keyboard, voice and dance
- Devise curriculum and provide training for interns and volunteer teachers

Worship Leader/ Music Director, Gresham, Oregon United Methodist Church (Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2017)

- Direct, rehearse, and recruit volunteer Praise Teams, Children's Choir, and Handbell Ensemble
- Lead worship using piano, guitar and voice, selecting hymns/songs relevant to the theological message and directing the flow of worship as a whole
- Collaborate with chancel choir director on traditional services
- Train college interns in music ministry for the United Methodist Church's QuadW Program

Lead Instructor/ Coordinator, Guitar Center Lessons, Westlake Village CA (Apr. 2015 – May 2016)

- Inspire students in piano, cello and vocal lessons using Guitar Center curriculum and individualized lesson materials
- Spearhead group music course (Rock Show™), where students are empowered to rehearse and perform as a cohesive rock band, learning priceless collaborative and artistic skills
- Oversee teaching schedules, instructor tasks, and act as liaison between instructors and store management/ corporate office
- Reach out to new and prospective students as well as ensure student retention via attentive customer service and communication with students and parents
- Coordinate and emcee monthly Jam/ Open Mic Nights, Student Recitals, and Open Houses

Intern, Asian Health and Service Center (AHSC) of Portland, Oregon (Jan. - June 2014)

- Operate public health, mental health, preschool/kindergarten education, and community-building programs for the Asian-American community in the Portland and Beaverton, OR areas
- Provide case management for clients regarding U.S. residency status, housing, legal issues, health insurance applications, and medical appointments in English and Mandarin
- Implement community programming such as the Chinese New Year party, seminars on health education, and musical demonstrations

Intern, Arakawa, Tokyo, Japan City Hall (Aug. - September 2012)

- Strengthen relationship between Japan and the United States by assisting and collaborating with staff at the Arakawa City Public Health and Cancer Screening Center, Children's Health Screening Clinic, Preschool, and municipal Cable TV station
- Use Japanese language skills in spoken and written form to facilitate building cultural bridges

Community Assistant (CA), Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University (Aug. 2010 - May 2011)

- Serve as Community Assistant at the Sustainability House at Barrett (SHAB) residence hall
- Oversee Honors Hall Front Desk, serve weekly on-call duty hours, and conduct regular walkthroughs of Barrett Honors College campus
- Engage the 1300-student residential complex in programs such as yoga, hiking, discussions, concerts, and meals
- Professionally address crisis situations and policy violations in the residence halls and channel students to appropriate resources

Language Skills: Japanese (fluent), Mandarin Chinese and Spanish (conversational level)

List of Professional References Available Upon Request