

REGAN TOEWS

VIOLIST, VIOLINIST, MUSIC TEACHER

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EDUCATION

- Master of Music, Viola Performance**, McGill University, Montreal, QC **2003-2005**
- Graduating CGPA: 3.92 out of 4.0, Viola Teacher: André Roy
- Bachelor of Music, Viola Performance**, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC **1997-2000**
- Graduated with distinction, Viola Teacher: Joanna Hood
- First year of bachelor degree**, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK **1996-1997**
- Dean's Honour List, Viola Teacher: Nancy Nehring

MASTERCLASSES AND LESSONS

Neal Gripp, Brian Bacon, Atar Arad, Francois Paradis, Michael Kugel, Laurence Lesser, Claude Richard, Elizabeth Dolin, Kyoko Hashimoto, Norman Forget, Susan Lipchack, Yumiko Yamamoto, Denes Zsigmondy, Reena Sharon, Paul Katz, Lafayette String Quartet, Cuartetto Latinoamericano, Gerald Stanick, John Thompson, Kay Cochrane, Yariv Aloni

PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

- Festival Knowlton Orchestra **2009**
- Orchestre Metropolitain de Montreal, Extra Section Violist **2009**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Trois-Rivieres, Assistant Principal Violist **2008-present**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Gatineau, Section Violist **2007-present**
- Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, Section Violist **2007-2008**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Sherbrooke, Extra Section Violist **2006-2008**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Drummondville, Extra Section Violist **2006-2008**
- Ensemble Prima, violist **2006**
- Orchestre Symphonique du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Full-time Section Violist **2005-present**
- Orchestre Leonardo DaVinci, Extra Section Violist **2005, 2007**
- Saskatoon Symphony, Full-time Section Violist **2002-2003**
- Violist and violinist of the Saskatoon Summer Players Orchestra **1998**
- Saskatoon Symphony, Extra Section Violist **1997-2000**
- Saskatoon Symphony, Full-time Section Violist **1996-1997**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Substitute Viola Instructor**, Lindsay Place High School, Pointe-Claire **2009-present**
- McGill Conservatory violin and viola instructor**, Montreal **2007-present**
- Teach students of all ages and abilities from the community
- Suzuki violin instructor**, Stewart Hall Cultural Centre, Pointe-Claire **2005-present**
- Teach private and group Suzuki lessons

- Student-level ranges from absolute beginner through Suzuki Book 5

Viola and Violin Instructor, Private studio, Montreal **2005-present**

- Private student range in ability from absolute beginner to bachelor degree-level

Viola Class Instructor, FACE high school, Montreal **2005-2006**

- Instructed violists in a classroom group setting (grades 5 through 11)
- Focused on basic technique, skill building, and musical components

Community Access Program Intern, Saskatoon Public School Board **2002-2003**

- Taught computer skills to groups of students/teachers at elementary/high schools
- Introduced basic computer skills to members of the public (aged 30 through 84)

Private tutor of English, Japanese, Computers, Viola **2002-2003**

- Designed programs specific to each of my students

Assistant English Teacher, JET Programme, Osaka, Japan **2000-2002**

- Team-taught English at junior high schools
- Taught English and Canadian culture lessons at elementary schools
- Created English workshops for Japanese teachers of English
- Assisted with brass band activities

Saxophone Clinician, Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education **1999**

- Gave instruction to beginners on the elements of a proper embouchure, breathing techniques, tone production, intonation and listening skills, scales, and simple melodies

Oboe Demonstrator, Saskatoon Public School Board **1999**

- Performed oboe to demonstrate it's tone quality, instructed those students who wished to try playing the oboe, made recommendations as to which students were best suited to oboe

Theory/Computer Instructor, Chamber Orchestra Workshop, Saskatoon SK **1997**

- Gave classroom instruction on rudiments, lead students through individual ear training programs on computer, directed music composition

OTHER ENSEMBLES (viola, unless otherwise indicated)

- Montreal Jazz Festival Orchestra (Chris Botti and Pink Martini) **2009**
- Altissimo Musique (violin and viola) **2006-present**
- Stadler Quintet - chosen by audition for the Banff Chamber Music Program **2004-2006**
- McGill Symphony Orchestra (Principal) **2003-2004**
- Kwong Quintet **2004**
- Nutting Quintet **2003**
- Katano City Philharmonic Orchestra, Osaka Japan (Principal) **2000-2002**
- Fisch Quintet **1999-2000**
- National Youth Orchestra of Canada **1999**

- University of Victoria Big Band II (Baritone Saxophone) 1998-2000
- Smirnoff-Carter String Quartet 1998-1999
- University of Victoria Orchestra (Principal in 2000) 1997-2000
- Sonic Lab (New Music) Ensemble 1997,1999
- University of Victoria Chorus (Alto Voice) 1997-1998
- Aden Bowman Collegiate Jazz Band (Baritone Saxophone) 1995-1996
- Saskatchewan Honour Band (Principal Oboe) 1995
- All-Star Saskatchewan High school Jazz band (Alto saxophone) 1995
- Evovae String Quartet - Two-time National Festival Finalists 1994-1998
- Aden Bowman Collegiate Senior Band (Principal Oboe) 1994-1996
- Saskatchewan Honour Orchestra (Principal) 1994, 1995
- Saskatoon Youth Orchestra (Violin until 1993, Principal Viola 1994-1996) 1991-1996

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Library Clerk**, Marvin Duchow Music Library, McGill University 2003-2007
 - Organized library materials, answered reference questions
- Assistant to the Senior Admin. Student Affairs Coordinator, McGill Music** 2006
 - Coordinated recital juries and prepared necessary paperwork for faculty
 - Collected information from Banner database to create and distribute mail merge documents
- Sandwich Maker**, California Gourmet Subs, Saskatoon SK 2002
 - food prep, customer service, till, cleaning
- Administrative Assistant**, Aden Bowman Music Department 1997-2000
 - Took year-end inventory, created databases, organized music library
- Utility Clerk**, Saskatoon Public School Division Textbook Centre 1998
 - Collected and repaired textbooks
- Stock Person**, Zellers, Saskatoon SK 1998
 - Faced and priced products, operated telephone switchboard, ran a till, operated “club Z” computer and counter
- Temporary Secretary**, Neon Products Ltd., Saskatoon SK 1997
 - Performed clerical tasks, managed incoming calls
- Concession owner/operator**, Summer Players, Saskatoon SK 1994
 - Hired and instructed staff, ordered food and supplies

OTHER COURSES

- **Suzuki Certification**, Wilfred Laurier, Kitchener ON – ECC, Violin Book 1 2006
- Completed Intermediate **Level II French** - Jonquiere, Quebec 2004

- Passed second highest level of **Japanese proficiency exam** (ni-kyu) **2002**
- Osaka YWCA - "Learn to read the newspaper" course, "Ni-kyu grammar" course **2001-2002**
- University of Victoria - Japanese 149 (A+); 150 (A+); 249 (A) **1997-2000**
- Grade 8 Viola with distinction - Royal Conservatory of Music **1995**
- String Quartet - Coach: Mark Rudoff **1995-1997**
- White, Lifesavings III - swimming **1994**
- String Quartet - Coach: Julia Ruby **1994-1995**
- Viola Lessons - Norma Lee Bisha **1993-1996**
- Violin Lessons - Lillian Jen-Payzant **1984-1993**

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Music Festivals:

- Award Winner - Canadian Viola Music Competition/Congrès international d'alto **2006**
- Recorded for CBC's Espace Musique (Stadler Quintet) recorded 2005, aired Oct. **2006**
- John D. Schlichting Scholarship (Banff Chamber Music Program) **2005**
- First place - Classical Music Festival of Bas-Richelieu - Stadler Quintet **2005**
- National level music festival competitor - string quartet **1995, 1997**
- Five first place awards at the Saskatoon Music Festival - string quartet **1996-1997**
- Twelve first place awards at the Saskatoon Music Festival - solo viola **1994-1997**
- Two first place awards at Unifest - solo viola **1993, 1995**
- SYO Chair's award and Dorothy Overholt award **1996**
- Provincial music festival competitor - solo viola **1995**
- Grace Tannahill intermediate viola scholarship **1995**
- R. Kim Tipper viola scholarship **1994**
- Grace Tannahill intermediate viola scholarship **1994**
- Two Second place awards - solo violin **1993**
- First place award at Unifest - solo violin **1992**
- Second Place Award (solo violin) **1988**

Other Music Honours:

- John D. Schlichting Scholarship - Banff Chamber Music Program **2005**
- Recorded for CBC's Jeunes Artistes radio series - Stadler Quintet **2005**
- Selected for the National Youth Orchestra of Canada **1999, 2000**

University:

- Saskatchewan Arts Board Professional Development Grant **2004**
- President's Scholarship, University of Victoria **1998**
- Cathcart Music Bursary Award **1997-2000**

Guiding:

- Canada Cord **1994**
- Chosen to represent Saskatchewan at Guelph International Girl Guide Camp **1993**
- All Round Cord **1991**

High School:

- Hordern Music Award (High school Graduation award) 1996
- Social Participation Award (High school Graduation award) 1996
- Japanese Award (High school Graduation award) 1996
- Biology Award (High school Graduation award) 1996
- Greatest All Round Contribution in Band in Grade 12 1996
- Greatest All Round Contribution in Band in Grade 11 1995
- Principal Oboist - Saskatchewan Honour Band 1995
- Second alto saxophone in All-Star High school Jazz band 1995
- Principal Violist - Saskatchewan Honour Orchestra 1994, 1995
- Most Outstanding Chorister in Grade 10 1994
- Pridmore Musicianship Award in Grade 10 1994
- Most Outstanding Woodwind Player in Grade 9 1993
- Great Distinction - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 1992 - 1996

VOLUNTEER WORK**Student Government**

- McGill Music Graduate Students' Society - Performance Area Representative 2004-2005
- McGill Music Graduate Students' Society - Secretary 2003-2005
- McGill Music Graduate Students' Society Representative - String Area Rep 2003-2005
- University of Victoria Music Students' Society - President 1999-2000
- Aden Bowman Collegiate music executive - President 1995-96
- Aden Bowman Collegiate music executive - Secretary 1994-95

Clubs

- Aden Bowman Outdoor Education Club 1995-1996
- Saskatoon Japanese School 1988-1995
- Girl Guides 1986-1996

Volunteer Work

- Contributor to the Canadian Viola Society Journal 2006-present
- JETAA booth - Matsuri Montreal 2007
- FACE highschool Symphony Orchestra 2005-2006
- Spiritoso Strings - Christmas concert benefiting the Saskatoon food bank 2002, 2003
- Saskatoon Folkfest - Asia-Pacific Pavilion 1994, 2002
- Billet Organizer for the Oregon University Orchestra 2000
- Saskatchewan Children's Festival 1998-1999
- Saskatoon Fringe Festival 1996-1998
- Host and Driver at Unifest 1996
- Toy builder at Santa's Bag 1992
- House cleaner at Ronald McDonald House 1991-1992
- Extencicare Volunteer 1991

- Face painter Holliston Day in the Park 1991
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- Booth supervisor at Sundog 1992-1996
- Performer at Festival of the Trees 1989-1991
- Usher at Symphony Concerts 1989-1996
- Folkfest pavilion worker - Asian Pavilion 1989, 1994
- Information booth worker for Guides at Saskatoon Exhibition 1989

High School Extra-curricular activities:

- Member of Outdoor Education Canoe Club 1996
- President of ABCI music executive 1995-96
- Baritone saxophone - ABCI Jazz band 1995-96
- Lead alto saxophone - ABCI Jazz band 1994-95
- Secretary of ABCI music executive 1994-95
- Gateway concession organizer for music executive 1994-95
- ABCI tour choir 1992-96

SKILLS

- I can operate Macintosh, Windows or DOS computers
- I have experience using word processors, spreadsheets, databases and HTML
- I can speak English, Japanese, and French
- I can type at a speed of 78 words per minute

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- reading, camping, text-adventure programming, crocheting