

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

- Montreal Chamber Orchestra **2012-pres**
- Appassionata Chamber Orchestra **2011-pres**
- Lanaudiere Festival Orchestra **2010-pres**
- Orchestre Metropolitain de Montreal, Extra Section Violist **2009-pres**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Trois-Rivieres, Assistant Principal Violist **2008-pres**
- Orchestre Symphonique du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Full-time Section Violist **2005-pres**
- Festival Knowlton Orchestra (Kent Nagano conducting) **2009**
- Orchestre Symphonique de Gatineau, Section Violist **2007-2010**
- 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 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**

CONCERT APPEARANCES

- Ben Heppner, Marie-Nicole Lemieux, Marie-Josée Lord, Michel Rivard, André Gagnon, George Benson, Chris Botti, Raoul Duguay, Edgar Fruitier, Vincent Bilodeau, Sylvain Massé, André Robitaille, Jean Marchand, Marc Hervieux, Natalie Choquette, Lawrence Gowan, and many more

RECORDINGS

- [Bruckner 6 with Orchestre Metropolitain de Montréal](#)
- [Sérénade Tchèque with Appassionata](#)
- [Les chemins ombragés with Andre Gagnon](#)
- [Changer le Mode with Gage](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Viola Instructor**, Vanier College, Montreal **2012-present**
- Strategically created lessons to guide students to achieve excellence and excel in public performance
 - Motivated and inspired students, analysed and communicated innovative customized solutions to meet individual student needs
- McGill Conservatory violin and viola instructor**, Montreal **2007-present**
- Teach students of all ages and abilities from the community
 - Adjudicate year-end conservatory exams
- 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
- Substitute Viola Instructor**, Lindsay Place High School, Pointe-Claire **2009-2010**
- Computer Instructor**, Atwater Library **2010**
- Teach computer skills and applications to both individuals and groups of students
- Sight-reading Substitute Instructor**, Marianopolis College **2007**
- Instruct cegep string students in melodic, rhythmic, and position sight-reading
- 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
- 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

OTHER ENSEMBLES (viola, unless otherwise indicated)

- Altissimo Musique (violin and viola) **2006-present**
- Edgar et ses fantomes **2011**
- Montreal Jazz Festival Orchestra (Chris Botti, Pink Martini, George Benson) **2009, 2010**
- 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**

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Marketing Clerk, McGill Queen's University Press** **2012**
- Performed extensive marketing research and developed Excel VBA macros for automatically formatting and presenting the data
 - Designed SQL-based system for rapid error detection in Access databases, developed and communicated improved data frameworks based on results
 - Implemented wiki for project coordination leading to clearer and more organised database implementation
- 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

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**

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**

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**

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Contributor to the Canadian Viola Society Journal, Eastern Representative **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**

SKILLS

- Languages:
 - French (written/spoken)
 - English (written/spoken)
 - Japanese (intermediate)
- Technical Knowledge:
 - Applications: Microsoft Office (including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Access), etc.
 - Scripting languages: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, VBA, SQL

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- reading, biking, cross-country skiing, text-adventure programming, crocheting and knitting