

Paul Naphtali

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Professional Summary

A proficient musical performer who brings decades of experience in the mastery of concert-level piano and violin performance. Proven track record of fostering a supportive learning environment and enhancing students' musical abilities. Recognized for teamwork, musical proficiency, and teaching ability in educational settings.

Work Experience

Piano and Violin Teacher, Naphtali Music
Ancaster, ON

Feb 2025 - Current

- Built piano and violin teaching practices on standards from the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM)
- Implemented practice routines that help students retain foundational piano and violin techniques
- Evaluated student progress with regular assessments and communication with parents to promote musicianship

Piano Performer
Various locations worldwide

May 2001 - Current

- Played solo performances at various venues for weddings, parties, galas, and other events worldwide
- Won several awards at local and regional competitions, highlighting my technical acumen and musicianship
- Performed piano concertos with regional orchestras such as the Hamilton Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra

Orchestral First Violinist, Ancaster Sinfonia
Ancaster, ON

Sep 2014-Apr 2015

- Helped the orchestra establish its musical presence in Ancaster with professional, high-quality play
- Coordinated musical interpretation and bowings with the concertmaster

Orchestral Violinist, Redeemer Sinfonia
Ancaster, ON

Sep 2010 – Apr 2014

- Played as first and second violinist in symphonies, suites, and other large-scale works
- Expanded the orchestra's repertoire by playing pieces from diverse musical periods, from the Baroque Era to 21st century pop music
- Supplied last-minute play for the second violinists during the musical run of "South Pacific" by Rodgers and Hammerstein

Education

Music Minor, Redeemer University
Ancaster, ON

Sep 2010-Apr 2014
Final GPA: 3.9

- Graduation with Distinction, May 2014
- Completed music theory and history courses equivalent to Associate Diploma (ARCT) in Piano, Performer prerequisites and corequisites

- Completed conducting and musical analysis courses

Achievements

Awards

- Rob L. Houlding Memorial Award Winner for piano performance, 2013
- Michael Geryk Memorial Competition Award Winner for piano performance, 2016

Accomplishments

- Recommended by Brantford Kiwanis Festival to compete at OMFA Provincial Competition, 2013
- Performed Piano Concerto in a minor by Edvard Grieg with the Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
- Performed Piano Concerto no. 2 in c minor by Sergei Rachmaninoff with the Cathedral Bluffs Orchestra
- First Class Honours in Associate Diploma (ARCT) in Piano, Performer, 2015

Skills

Piano

- Piano accompaniment
- Sight-reading
- Audience engagement

Violin

- Chamber music experience
- All bowing styles, from detaché to spiccato
- Musical interpretation

Other Skills

- Musical interpretation
- Recital coordination
- Advanced music theory
- Music history