

CODY CHRISTOPHER-PARK RAY

Curriculum Vitae

March 2021

EDUCATION

Western Michigan University | Kalamazoo, Michigan

Master of Music in Music Composition | *Expected Graduation 2021*

The University of Akron | Akron, Ohio

Bachelor of Music in Music Composition | *Cum Laude | August 2019*

Primary Music Composition Instructors

Dr. Lisa Coons, Dr. Richard Adams, Dr. Nikola Resanovic, Dr. Robert Brownlow, Dr. Daniel McCarthy

Music Composition Masterclasses

Dr. Jordan Pal, Dr. Andrew Boysen, Dr. Anthony Donofrio, Mark Camphouse

Primary Trumpet Instructors

Dr. Robert White, Dr. Joshua Ganger, Mark Maliniak, Jack Schantz, Scott Johnston, Dr. Mark Dulin

Trumpet Masterclasses

Hunter Eberly, Jack Sutte, Michael Sachs, Justin Emerich, Mark Hughes

HONORS

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS, AND PUBLISHERS

Finalist – 2020 Morton Gould Young Composers Award

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Music Alumni/Friends Scholarship | May 2020

College of Fine Arts Dean Scholarship | May 2020

Western Michigan University Graduate School Travel Grant | April 2020

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

The University of Akron School of Music Scholarship | August 2015 – May 2019

James P and Maureen C. Kovach Scholarship for the Performing Arts | May 2018

Outstanding Undergraduate Music Composition Student | May 2018

COMPLETED COMPOSITIONS

2021

COMMON GROUND | Chamber Orchestra
Master's Thesis at Western Michigan University

2020

SOMEWHERE | Brass Quintet
Commissioned by the Taylor Losey and the Contingency Brass Quintet (Kalamazoo, MI)

SKYLINES | Full Orchestra
*Read by the Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, Cody Ray conductor
(Kalamazoo, MI)*

2019

TO THE RIVER | SATB Choir

INTRADA | Solo Trumpet
*Premiered at the 2019 University of Akron New Music Festival by Ryan Kerin
April 27th, 2019*

RUN. | Woodwind Quintet

A CITY MOVING FORWARD | Sonata for Alto Saxophone and Piano
*Premiered at the 2020 North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference by Justin
Evangelist (Tempe, AZ)*

BURNING RIVER | Trumpet Ensemble
*Premiered at the WSCA Student Composers II Concert by the Western Michigan University
Trumpet Ensemble (Kalamazoo, MI)*

*Chosen to be performed at the 2020 International Trumpet Guild Conference by the Western
Michigan University Trumpet Ensemble (Columbus, OH)*

ALLIED WITH PRIDE | Concert Band
*Recorded by the Arizona State University Wind Ensemble, Malcolm Jones conductor (Tempe,
AZ)*

STRESS/RELEASE | Fixed Media

CONNECT... | Fixed Media

BOUND UP IN WORRY | Pierrot Ensemble

2018

SYMPHONY FOR BRASS | full Brass Ensemble

MVT. 1 | 2016

MVT. 2 | 2018

MVT. 3 | 2018

Premiered by the University of Akron Brass Choir | Dr. Christopher Blaha, conductor

Performed by the Oberlin Conservatory Brass Ensemble | Roland Pandolfi, conductor

MOVING THROUGH STATES | Chamber Orchestra

Premiered by the Cleveland Chamber Symphony | Steven Smith, Conductor

COMMUTE | Electronic Music Recorded on CD

Premiered at Junior Recital | May 4th, 2018

IN A VOID | Electronic Music Recorded on CD

Ruminations | solo guitar

Premiered at Junior Recital by Henry Spencer | May 4th, 2018

for an Academic Occasion | full Brass Ensemble

MANATEE COVE | Tuba and Piano

Premiered by David Burnett | May 5th, 2019

TWO PORTRAITS | Horn and Cello

Premiered at Akron Brass Night by Sarah Palmer and Nancy Thorn | April 22nd, 2019

CASTING THE BALLOT | Marimba Duet

2017

SHORT STORY | Flute, Violin, and Piano

Premiered at the 2017 University of Akron New Music Festival Dance Collaboration

CONCERT PIECE no. 1 | solo guitar

Premiered at the 2017 University of Akron New Music Festival by Henry Spencer

3 SHORT PIECES FOR PIANO | Piano Solo

MVT. 1 – What Should Be

MVT. 2 – In Cyclical Motion

MVT. 3 – Fugue | 2018

Premiered at Junior Recital by Michael McGroarty | May 4th, 2018

for a Joyous Occasion | full Brass Ensemble

Premiered at the 2018 University of Akron New Music Festival by the University of Akron Brass Choir | Dr. Christopher Blaha, conductor

MEDITATION ON SIMPLE GIFTS | Solo Trombone w/Piano

Premiered at Junior Recital by Andrew Wegierski | May 4th, 2018

2016

LOST FROM THE SHADOWS | String Quartet

Premiered by the University of Akron Graduate String Quartet

LOOK TO THE SKIES | Full Orchestra

Premiered by the University of Akron Symphony Orchestra | Dr. Guy V. Bordo, conductor

BEYOND DISTORTIONS | Horn Choir

Premiered by the University of Akron Horn Choir

DISTANT ECHO | Trumpet Solo w/Piano

SUITE FOR BRASS QUINTET | Brass Quintet

Premiered by the Avenue Brass Quintet

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY | 2019 – present | Kalamazoo, MI

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Composition I (MUS 2620)

Regularly met with students for private lessons. Aided over 50 students by offering suggestions on how they can improve their individual music composition assignments. Also provided guidance for the implementation of compositional techniques discussed within the course including but not limited harmonic language, melodic shape/direction, rhythmic texture, orchestration, as well as considerations in musical form.

Composition II (MUS 2630)

Assisted by regularly meeting with 7 students for private lessons. Supported them by giving recommendations on how to use advanced rhythmic techniques, innovative metric schemes, textural changes, predetermined compositional processes (such as serialism and minimalism), extended techniques as well as contrapuntal lines. Also facilitated in the recording of live performances, giving students an additional resource to reflect upon their work.

Basic Music II (MUS 1610)

Aided in grading a section of 20 students assignments ranging from weekly homework assignments to mid-term and final exams. Tasked with inputting grades and using a set standard deviation algorithm to determine necessary curves. Substitute taught lectures at the professor's discretion.

Basic Music III (MUS 2600)

Tasked with grading two sections. Implemented a no contact and efficient plan to effectively grade and return feedback to students due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Placed in charge of updating grades in the student learning management system, D2L.

Music Maestros

Served as a mentor and tutor for underclassmen students. Assigned a group of students and provide weekly help on course material and homework. Presented exercises, drills, and additional practice methods to assist in their understanding of fundamental music concepts.

CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2018 – 2019 | Chagrin Falls, OH

Band Camp Instructor

NORDONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2018 | Macedonia, OH

Private Lesson Instructor, Trumpet

WADSWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2015 – 2018 | Wadsworth, OH

Private Lesson Instructor, Trumpet

SERVICE

N.E.O. SOUND | 2018 – 2020 | Akron, OH

Executive/Artistic Director

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON NEW MUSIC ASSOCIATION | 2016 – 2018 |

Akron, OH

President

MEMBERSHIP

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS

Member (2021 – present)

SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS INC.

Student Member (2020 – present)

WMU TEACHING ASSISTANTS UNION

Member (2019 – present)

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MUSIC GRADUATE STUDENTS

Member (2019 – present)

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra | 2020 - 2021 | Kalamazoo, MI

Student Conductor

Western Michigan University Trumpet Ensemble | 2019-2020 | Kalamazoo, MI

Guest Student Conductor

N.E.O. SOUND | 2018 – 2020 | Akron, OH

Conductor

University of Akron Symphony Orchestra | 2019 | Akron, OH

Student Conductor

University of Akron Brass Choir | 2016 – 2017 | Akron, OH

Guest Student Conductor

Wadsworth High School Wind Ensemble | 2015 | Wadsworth, OH

Guest Student Conductor

Works Conducted

Beethoven – Symphony no. 1 mvts. I, II

Beethoven – Symphony no. 5 mvt. I

Beethoven – Symphony no. 6 mvt. I

Beethoven – Symphony no. 7 mvt. II

Brahms – Symphony no. 2 mvt. III

Haydn – Symphony 100 mvt. I

Haydn – Symphony 104 mvt. III

Henson – My Flight for Heaven

Mozart – Symphony no. 40 mvt. I

Mozart – Symphony no. 41 mvt. I

Perkinson – Sinfonietta No. 1

Ravel – Mother Goose Suite

Ray – Burning River

Ray – for a Joyous Occasion

Ray – Skylines

Ray – Symphony for Brass

Ray – Winter Visions

Tchaikovsky – Symphony no. 5 mvt. 4

Ticheli – Sanctuary

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

LARGE ENSEMBLE

The University of Akron | Akron, Ohio

Symphony Orchestra | 2015 – 2019 | Principal Trumpet

Jazz Ensemble | 2015 – 2019 | 2nd Trumpet

Symphonic Band | 2015 – 2017 | Section Trumpet

Substitute Positions

Academy Street Winds | 2019 – 2020 | 1st Trumpet | Kalamazoo, MI

Danjo Jazz Orchestra | 2019 | 2nd Trumpet | Kent, OH

Cleveland Philharmonic | 2017 | 4th Trumpet | Cleveland, OH

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Western Michigan University | Kalamazoo, Michigan

Bronson Brass Quintet | 2020 – present | Trumpet

Trumpet Ensemble | 2019 – 2020 | Trumpet

The University of Akron | Akron, Ohio

Faculty Brass Quintet | June 2019 | 2nd Trumpet

Avenue Brass Quintet | 2015 – 2019 | Trumpet

Brass Choir | 2015 – 2017; 2019 | Section Trumpet

New Music Ensemble | 2017 | Principal Trumpet

Chamber Orchestra | 2016 – 2017 | Principal Trumpet

SOLO ENGAGEMENTS

NATIONAL TRUMPET COMPETITION

Larsen | Ridge Runner | Undergraduate Quarter-Finals | March 2019 | Lexington, KY

Arutunian | Trumpet Concerto | High School Semi-Finals | March 2015 | Mechanicsburg, PA

NORTHERN OHIO YOUTH ORCHESTRA | Matthew Chamberlain, conductor

Neruda | Trumpet Concerto in E \flat mvt. 1 | April 2014 | Oberlin, OH

THEATRE ENGAGEMENT

French Creek Theater | Sheffield, Ohio

Tuck Everlasting | July – August 2019 | Trumpet

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE ENGAGEMENTS

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church | Cleveland, Ohio

2018 – present | Trumpet

N.E.O. SOUND | Akron, Ohio

2018 – 2020 | Trumpet/Conductor

St. Paul Lutheran Church Chamber Orchestra | Berea, Ohio

2016 – 2019 | Principal Trumpet

St. Barnabas Catholic Church | Macedonia, Ohio

April 2018 | Trumpet

RECORDINGS

University of Akron Symphonic Band, and Dr. Galen Karriker. Ohio OMEA 2016 University of Akron Symphonic Band (Live). CD. Cincinnati, Ohio: Soundwaves, 2016.

All-State Band, and Dr. Frank Tracz. Ohio OMEA 2015 All-State Band (Live). EP. Cleveland, Ohio: Soundwaves, 2015.