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MAJOR TEACHERS

Marin Bunea, Violinist and conductor of the presidential "Doina" orchestra of Chisinau, Moldova
Marjorie Bagley, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Hermine Gagne, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Lorenz Gamma, California State University, Northridge
Kate Conklin, Los Angeles based vocalist and Alexander Technique
Mark Menzies, California Institute of the Arts (1999-2016)
Miroslav Tadic, California Institute of the Arts

ACADEMIC DEGREES

MFA	California Institute of the Arts; Valencia, CA, 2010
MM	Ohio University; Athens, OH, 2006
BA	Rice University; Houston, TX 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014-present	Violin + Teaching Artist; Freelance studio artist; Boise, ID
2011-2013	Music Director, Laguna Blanca School; Santa Barbara, CA
2012	Violin masterclass, Santa Barbara Community College
2010	Harmony Project, Violin and Viola Instruction for YOLA and Contemporary Strings, Los Angeles
2009-10	Violin and Viola Coach, College of the Canyons, Valencia, CA
2007	American Suzuki Institute Summer Training, University of Wisconsin
2005-08	Athens Community Music School; Ohio University. Athens, OH

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

2018	Half Gig Audio concert, Violin and Loop Pedal; Boise, ID
2017	Half Gig Session selected musician with Igor Iachimciuc, cimbalom; Boise, ID
2013	Gypsy Jazz Workshop and Performance with Ryan Dart, guitar; Laguna Blanca School; Santa Barbara, CA
2013	*The Village Idioms* (Qanun, Violin, Tupan and Bass); Faulkner Gallery; Santa Barbara, CA
2011	American University Trio Concert with Valeri Dimchev, tambura; Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
2011	Bulgarian Folk Music Project with the Plovdiv Academy Folk Ensemble, Umefolk Festival; Umea, Sweden
2011	Performance with the Plovdiv Academy Folk Ensemble, The Glass House; Umea, Sweden
2010	Closing Ceremony of the Tenth Annual Fulbright Summer Institute, Ambassador James Warlick in attendance; Bansko, Bulgaria
2010	Guest artist with Fishtank Ensemble at the Bordello and CalArts ICAP Grant Project; Los Angeles, CA
2006-09	West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, section first violin; Charleston, WV
2005	National Repertory Orchestra, violin section; Breckenridge, CO

WORLD PREMIERE/COMMISSION

2010	*Steam Punk, Quartet for Violin, Guitar, Marimba and Bass*, composer, Casey Cangelosi; California Institute of the Arts. Valencia, CA

COMMERCIAL DISC RECORDINGS

2018	*Balkan Prints.* Digital release available on ITunes, Spotify and CD Baby, Boise, ID
2010	*Balkan Soul Orchestra*. Lotus Post Studio, Santa Monica, CA

2010	*Inversions I-IV for String Quartet* and *Music from The Trip in the style of Schoenberg-Gershwin tennis match* by Scott Benzel. Recorded at WAX LTD/TTG Studio, Hollywood, CA

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

2018	Radio Televisión de Veracruz, Show de La Tierra, Featured Track from *Balkan Prints*; Xalapa, Mexico
2011	Bulgarian National Television, Polet nad Noshta (Flight Overnight); Sofia, Bulgaria

RADIO APPEARANCES

2011	Sveriges Radio, Plovdiv Academy Folk Ensemble, Umea, Sweden
2010	Festival of American and Bulgarian Music, John Zorn's "Cobra", Bulgarian National Radio; Sofia, Bulgaria

RESEARCH/CONFERENCES

2013	Travel Research – Balkan folk, Romani and Turkish Gypsy; Istanbul, Turkey; Chisinau, Moldova; Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2013	WithOut Borders – Art and Music Forum Summer Conference, Balchik, Bulgaria

SOLO/DUO PERFORMANCES

2011	Bulgarian Folklore Concert with Sofia Högstadius. Academy of Music, Dance, and Fine Arts. Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2011	Concert promoting the premiere of Teodora Nikoleva's book, *Sand Rains*; Café Morocco. Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2010	Guest soloist with Plovdiv Academy Folk Ensemble. Academy of Music, Dance, and Fine Arts. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
2010	Violin showcase featuring Bulgarian, Romanian & Scandinavian music with fiddler, Sofia Högstadius; Café Morocco. Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2010	*When the Road Bends.* Solo Graduate Violin Recital. With Kate Conklin, vocalist and Miroslav Tadic, guitarist; California Institute of the Arts
2009	*Gypsy Impressions*. Solo Violin Recital. With tabla player, Javad Butah, percussionist, Greg Loewer, and guitarist, Miroslav Tadic; CalArts

2007	Duo Violin Recital. With violinist, Heather Kufchak, & pianist, Angela Leising; Union Hall Theater. Chesterhill, Ohio
2006	Solo Graduate Violin Recital: Music of Beethoven, Bartók, Gliére, and Tchaikovsky; Ohio University Robert Glidden Hall. Athens, OH.

MAJOR PERFORMANCES WITH ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

2005	Violin soloist. Ohio University Singers, guest composer, Eric Whitacre; Athens, OH
2005	Concerto soloist. Ohio University Orchestra, Steven Huang, Conductor, *Tzigane (Gypsy)* Maurice Ravel; Athens, OH
2000	Violin soloist. Cache Chamber Orchestra, Robert Frost, Conductor, *Scherzo-Tarantella Op. 16* Henryk Wieniawski; Logan, UT
1998	*Praleudium and Allegro, Fritz Kreisler.* Cache Chamber Orchestra, Robert Frost, Conductor
2000	Concerto soloist. *Concerto No. 1 in G minor Op. 26, Prelude, Max Bruch*, Logan High Orchestra; Logan, UT
1999	*Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs).* Pablo de Sarasate, Logan High Orchestra; Logan, UT

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

2006-09	West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Contracted first violin; Clay Center. Charleston, WV
2005-06	Ohio Valley Symphony, Assistant Second Violin & Assistant Concertmaster; Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre. Gallipolis, OH
2006-08	River Cities Symphony, Principal Second Violin & Section Player; Parkersburg, WV

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2010-11	J. William Fulbright Grant Award; Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2010	Nick England ICAP Grant, Award Recipient; CalArts
2008-10	CalArts Academic Scholarship
2006	Graduate Achievement Award in Performance; Ohio University
2004-06	Ohio University Full Scholarship Recipient
2005	Ohio University Quartet 2nd place award in Ohio Orchestra and String Teachers Association Chamber Music Competition; Ohio University
2000-04	Rice University, The Shepherd School of Music; Award Recipient

MUSIC FESTIVALS

2007	Mark O'Conner's Summer String Festival, fiddle participant; Montgomery Bell State Park. Burns, TN
2006	Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival, chamber musician; Burlington, VT
2005	National Repertory Orchestra, violinist; Breckenridge, CO
2003	Brevard Music Center, violinist; Brevard, NC
2003	Spoleto USA Festival, stage crew; Charleston, SC
2002	Le Domaine Forget International Festival, violinist; Saint-Irénée, Canada

INTERDISCIPLINARY PERFORMANCE WORKS

2009	Video projection & Dance work with dancer, Mersiha Mesihovic. Musicians without Borders Benefit Concert Event; Coffeehouse Theater. California Institute of the Arts
2009	*Beautiful Night*. Violin and Composition. Short Film Animation by Kristina Mikhail; CalArts

OUTREACH

2011	Concerts and workshops at Midgårdsskolan High School and Umeå Music School with the Plovdiv Academy Folklore Ensemble; Umeå, Sweden
2008 & 2009	Organized two benefit concerts for Kosovo Rock School Effort; Coffeehouse Theater. CalArts.
2008-09	Student Director, Musicians without Borders; CalArts
2007	String quintet tour to various schools in Southeastern Ohio giving performances and demonstrations to schoolchildren.
2004 & 2005	Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concerts; Rice University