

Mikayla X. Bertelsen

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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts - Department Assistant (percussion studio)

- Rutgers University - New Brunswick, New Jersey
- Expected Graduation: May 2023

Masters of Music in Percussion Performance with a Certificate in Music Career Development

- Michigan State University - East Lansing, Michigan
- Graduated: May 2020

Bachelor of Music Education

- Central Michigan University - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
- Graduated: May 2018

Studio and Preparatory Teaching Experience

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey (2020 - Present)

- Taught "Percussion Techniques" Course to music education majors at Mason Gross School of the Arts
- Taught secondary private percussion lessons to non-percussion music education majors at Mason Gross Schools of the Arts
- Taught the Marching Scarlet Knights Drumline (2021 season)
- Tertiary conductor for Rutgers Pep Band

Private Music Instructor, Self - Employed, (2013 - Present)

- Taught private lessons to percussionists, pianists, and brass players of all levels
- Developed weekly lesson plans for students

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (2018 - 2020)

- Taught undergraduate private lessons
- Spartan Drumline teaching assistant (2019 Season)
- Instrument Coordinator (2019 - 2020)

Educational Engagement, East Lansing, Michigan (January - April, 2019)

- Sixteen week teaching artist residency at Marble Elementary School
- Create lessons for all second grade classes that correspond with state standards
- Create a concert for a school wide assembly
- Correspond with host teacher and academic advisors

Cousino High School, Warren, Michigan, (2018 Marching Season)

- Drumline instructor
- Music writer (drumline parts/features)
- Private lesson teacher
- Percussion ensemble coach

Jackson High School, Jackson, Michigan, (Spring 2018 Semester, student teacher)

- Assisted head band director, Joel Shaner
- Rehearsed wind bands, jazz bands, and small ensembles
- Coached solo and ensemble events
- Directed all wind bands in two live concerts

Clare High School, Clare, Michigan, (Spring 2017 Semester, pre-student teacher)

- Assisted head band director, Jason Lowe
- Rehearsed wind bands, jazz bands, and small ensembles
- Created weekly lesson plans to properly articulate my teaching
- Participated in many extracurricular meetings, performances, and events through the Clare High/Middle School band program
- Performed many administrative tasks that helped promote the band program

Additional Teaching Competencies

Trumpet

- Trained bugler by the United State Army School of Music's standards
- Have taught private lessons to beginning trumpets, trombones, and french horns

Piano

- Studied piano extensively since fifth grade
- Took private lessons from Dr. Alexandria David while attending Central Michigan University
- Have taught private lessons to beginning piano students

Other Selected Competencies

- Experienced with in ear systems for studio recording and live performances
- Jazz improvisation skills on drum set and mallet instruments
- Experienced with teaching in the musical theatre genre, to include percussion and drumset books
- Instrument Coordinator - Michigan State University (2019 - 2020)
 - Responsible for all instrument repairs, moving instruments, organizing instrument packs for tours
- Technology Skills:
 - Word, Excel, Google applications (Drive, Calendar, Gmail, Forms, Classroom)
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Zoom/Webex
 - Slack

Awards

- Colonel Finley R. Hamilton Outstanding Military Musician
 - 2020 Recipient

Selected Percussion Studies

Joseph Tompkins, percussion professor

- Rutgers University, 2020 - present

Gwendolyn Dease, percussion professor

- Michigan State University, 2018 - 2020

Jonathon Weber, percussion professor

- Michigan State University, 2018 - 2020

Andrew Spencer, percussion professor

- Central Michigan University, 2013 - 2018

David Hall, percussion professor

- Central Michigan University, 2015 - 2018

Martin Johnston, drum set professor

- United States Army School of Music, June 2017 - August 2017
- Intensive drum set training

Selected Solo Performances

Doctoral Recital(s)

- Rutgers University, 28 November 2021

MSU Botanical Gardens Summer Music Concert Series

- Michigan State University, 5 September 2019

Senior Recital

- Central Michigan University, 10 December 2017

Junior Recital

- Central Michigan University, 1 May 2016

Dr. Andrew Spencer, Recital, Guest Performer with Muskegon Symphony

- The Block, Event Center
- Assisting musician
- November 2017
- Performed, Threads (complete) - Paul Lansky

Showcase Collage Concert

- Central Michigan University, February 2015/2016
- Collage concert based on auditioned and accepted talent from Central Michigan University School of Music

PhD Ceremonies

- Central Michigan University, 5/7 May 2017
- Performed for graduates, distinguished faculty and administration from Central Michigan University, and guests

Selected Percussion Master Classes

Arx Duo

- Professor Percussion Duo
 - Performed select movements of Threads (Lanksy)

Chester Englander

- Director of Percussion Studies at Cleveland State University
 - Performed, Brahms - Symphony No. 4 - Movement III - I - End (triangle excerpt)

Jay Ritchie

- Detroit Symphony Orchestra - Section Percussion, Assistant Timpanist
 - Performed, Delecluse #6 (snare drum), Magic Flute (glockenspiel excerpt)

Pius Cheung

- Director of Percussion Studies at the University of Oregon
 - Performed, Musical Moment, No. 5 "Romance" - Pius Cheung

Bonnie Whiting

- Director of Percussion Studies at the University of Washington
 - Performed, Tesla's Harmony - Pius Cheung

Selected Chamber and Large Ensemble Performances

395th Army Reserve Band - Mustang, Oklahoma (current)

- Current Rank: E-5, Sergeant
- C - 1 percussionist (identifier of excellence by the Army's standards)
 - Drumset intensive
- Bugler, funeral detail
- Percussion section leader
- Perform in and around the greater Oklahoma City area (and the states surrounding) with various ensembles
 - Concert Band
 - Drill Band
 - Rock Band
 - Funk Band

- Brass Band
- Percussion Ensemble

Rutgers University (Current)

- Symphonic Winds, Principal
 - 2020 - Present
- Percussion Ensemble, ensemble
 - 2020 - Present
- Helix, percussionist
 - 2020 - Present

Eastern Wind Symphony (Current)

- Section member

Creede Repertory Theater - Creede, Colorado

- Percussionist and drum set player for productions of “Peter and the Starcatcher” and “Little Shop of Horrors”
- Recording artist/Percussion consultant for the Young Audience Outreach tour show “Best Foot Forward”
- Consultant to scenic, lighting, props, and production team throughout the season

338th Army Reserve Band - Livonia, Michigan

- C - 1 percussionist (identifier of excellence by the Army’s standards)
 - Drumset intensive
- Bugler, funeral detail

Michigan State University

- Wind Symphony, section percussion
 - 2018 - 2020
- Symphony Orchestra, section percussion
 - 2019 - 2020
 - 28 April 2019, performance at Orchestra Hall (Detroit, Michigan)
- Percussion Ensemble, ensemble
 - 2018 - 2020
 - Tour around selected parts of Michigan every spring
- M21
 - 2019 - 2020
 - Michigan State University’s new music ensemble

Central Michigan University

- Wind Band Program, section percussion
 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 - Wind Symphony
 - Symphony Band

- 2013 - 2018
- Percussion Ensemble
 - 2013 - 2017
- Symphony Orchestra
 - 2014 - 2017
- Central WALLS
 - Saxophone orchestra
 - Drum set player
 - 2016 - 2017
- Marching Band
 - Drumline
 - 2013 - 2014
- Mainstage Musicals
 - Pit percussionist
 - 2013 - 2018

East Shore Wind Symphony - Standish, Michigan

- Member, section percussion
- 2014 - 2018
- Board, trustee

Redford Symphony - Redford, Michigan

- Assisting musician, section percussion
- Pops Concert
- May 2018

Livingston Symphony - Livingston, Michigan

- Assisting musician, timpani
- The Planets, Gustav Holst
- October 2018

Saginaw Eddy Band - Saginaw, Michigan

- Member, section percussion
- Nine concert, concert series
- June 2015 - August 2015

Recordings

150th - Michigan State University Celebration

- 7 May 2021
- Recorded (CD)

Allegories for King Mangoberry - Michigan State University

- World Premiere for Wind Ensemble
- 27 September 2018

- Recorded (CD)

Young Audience Outreach Tour - Creede Repertory Theatre

- Creede Repertory Theatre's annual tour that spans over ten surrounding states of Colorado
- World Premier of "Best Foot Forward"
- Recorded music for tour
- August 2019

Competitions

NYU International Percussion Competition - August 2018

- 1st Place, drumset
- 3rd Place, snare drum
- 4th Place, timpani

SAI Small Ensemble Competition - April 5th, 2017

- Second Place, A Man With A Gun Lives Here - Snowden

2017 Concerto Competition - Central Michigan University - February 22nd, 2017

- Honorable Mention, Concerto No. 1 - for Marimba and Orchestra, Movement III

Summer Festivals

NYU Broadway Percussion Seminar

- June 2018

Academic Honors

Honorable Mention

- Central Michigan University Concerto Competition, (2017)

Recipient

- Central Michigan University, Grant Skomski Scholarship, (2017/2018)
- Ruth M. M. Wesley Scholarship, (2017, 2018)

Dean's List

- Central Michigan University, (six semesters)

Professional Affiliations

National Association for Music Education, (2015 - Present)

- Member

Percussive Arts Society, (2013 - Present)

- Member

References

Joseph Tompkins

- Professor of Percussion/Head of Percussion Area, Rutgers University
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Jonathon Weber

- Associate Professor of Percussion, Michigan State University
- 517-974-4553
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Andrew Spencer

- Dean of College and Communication of Fine Arts, Central Michigan University
- Professor of Percussion
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Current

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Professional Experience

Creede Repertory Theater, (Summer 2019)

- Pit percussionist for theater company's musicals
 - Peter And The Starcatcher
 - Little Shop of Horrors
- Recorded soundtrack for "Young Audience Outreach Tour"
 - Recording drum set player
 - Percussion consultant
- Played up to two to eight shows a week
- Consultant for each department throughout the production of each show

United States Army Reserves, 395th Band, (2019 - Present)

- Concert Band - section percussion
- Parade Band - marching snare drum
- Funk/Pop Band - drum set
- Funeral detail - bugler

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- Parade Band - marching snare drum
- Dixieland/Pop Band - drum set
- Funeral detail - bugler

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- Wind Symphony - section percussion
- Symphony Orchestra - section percussion
- M21 - new music ensemble (percussion)
- Instrument Coordinator (2019 - 2020)
- Spartan Drumline Teaching Assistant (2019 Season)

Central Michigan University, (2013 - 2018)

- Percussion Ensemble
- Pit percussionist/drum set player for all Mainstage musicals
- Symphony Orchestra - section percussion
- Wind Bands - section percussion
- Central WALLS (saxophone orchestra) - drum set

Music Theatre Shows Performed

- Ashman, Howard, "Little Shop of Horrors" - drum set book
- Bramble, Stewart, "42nd Street" - drum set book
- Elice, Rick, "Peter And The Starcatcher" - percussion book
- Finn, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" - combined book
- Kirkwood Jr., Dante, "A Chorus Line" - drum set book
- Lacey, Wilson, "The Music Man" - drum set book
- Ragni, "Hair" - drum set book
- Rodger, Hammerstein II, "Oklahoma!" - combined book
- Sater, "Spring Awakening" - combined book
- Webber, Sams, "The Wizard of Oz" - drum set book
 - Performed excerpts from:
 - Aladdin
 - Alice and Wonderland
 - Heathers
 - Hello Dolly!
 - In The Heights
 - Kinky Boots
 - The Lion King
 - 9 to 5

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Chester Englander, Michigan State University, 2019
Bonnie Whiting, Michigan State University, 2018
Pius Cheung, Michigan State University, 2018
Jay Ritchie, Michigan State University, 2019

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