

Ashley Matse

Curriculum Vitae

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Education



Master of Fine Arts

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2021-2023

MFA - Music Performance - Instrumental Conducting

- Major Professor: Dr. Timothy Paul
- GPA: 4.0



Bachelor of Fine Arts

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2016-2020

BFA - Music Education

- GPA: 3.83
- Summa Cum Laude Graduate, 2020
- Outstanding Departmental Graduate, 2020
- President's Excellence Scholar and Dean's List Scholar, 2016-2020
- Collegiate Organizations
 - NAFME: Collegiate Chapter President & Student Government Liaison
 - Sigma Alpha Iota: Music Director, Recording Secretary, National Convention Delegate, and President

Professional Experience



Private Music Lesson Instructor - Piano, Woodwinds, and Brass

2017-Present

- From the Top Studio
Monongahela, PA 2024-Present
- Practice Makes Perfect Studio
Greensburg, PA 2021-2022
- Edinboro Community Music School
Edinboro, PA 2017-2020



Musical Theater Director and Musician

2017-Present

- Directed artistically and musically productions of:
 - "The Addams Family" 2021
 - "Mamma Mia!" 2022
 - "American Idiot!" 2022
 - "Seussical" 2023
 - "The Wizard of Oz" 2024
- Played flute and piccolo in the pit orchestra in productions of:
 - "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 2014
 - "West Side Story" 2015
 - "Pippin" 2016
 - "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" 2017
 - "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat" 2022
 - "Beauty and the Beast" 2022
 - "Into the Woods" 2022
 - "Fiddler on the Roof" 2024



Substitute Teacher

Elizabeth Forward School District

October 2024-Current

- Substituted in grades K-12 in all disciplines in the Elizabeth Forward School District
- Implemented lesson plans, classroom management strategies, and student engagement techniques to ensure continuity of learning.
- Fostered a supportive and inclusive learning environment, accommodating students of varying abilities and backgrounds.
- Maintained accurate student records, progress reports, and classroom documentation in alignment with district policies



Remote Scorer

Pearson

Remote | February 2025-May 2025

- Evaluated and scored student responses ensuring consistency with state rubrics and academic benchmarks
- Provided constructive, data-driven feedback to support educational assessment
- Applied critical analysis and attention to detail to assess writing structure, coherence, and content accuracy
- Utilized digital scoring platforms to maintain efficiency and accuracy



Director of Bands & Choirs

California Area School District

June 2023 - June 2024

- Directed all secondary music programs, managing logistics for rehearsals, concerts, and events
- Designed comprehensive curricula, integrating modern technology and pedagogical techniques to support diverse learning needs
- Led the Trojan Marching Band, planning and executing band camps, parades, and competitive performances with precision and creativity
- Fostered student growth by mentoring individuals in leadership roles
- Monitored and analyzed student progress through detailed tracking systems, informing curriculum adjustments to maximize outcomes
- Classes Taught: Marching Band, High School Concert Band, Middle School Concert Band, High School Choir, Middle School Choir, AP Music Theory, and General Music



Fine Arts Director

Greensburg Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School

June 2020 - August 2023

- Increased participation in music programs by 46% through strategic recruitment, outreach, and innovative program design and chartered and directed a new school Pep Band
- Directed high-quality performances for bands and choirs, fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration among students
- Reactivated and advised the Tri-M Music Honor Society, mentoring student leaders and organizing service projects to enhance community engagement
- Leveraged technology, including LMS platforms and digital communication tools, to enhance instructional delivery and program administration
- Initiated cross-curricular collaborations to align the fine arts department with broader academic goals
- Classes Taught: High School Concert Band, Middle School Concert Band, Chamber Choir, High School Chorus, Middle School Chorus, Introduction to Music, CHS Music Theory, World Drumming



Art of Practicing Institute Staff Member

Edinboro University - William Alexander Music Building

Summer 2019

- Served as a staff member and liaison for the Summer 2019 session of the "Art of Practicing Institute" fulfilling the following duties:
 - Stage manage performances for musicians
 - Prepared and organized many aspects of the camp (meals, transportation, programs, performances, lodging)
 - Create positive and educational environments for musicians
 - Supervise Institute rehearsal spaces



Music Department Administrative Assistant

Edinboro University - William Alexander Music Building

May 2018-December 2019

- Coordinated and promoted department events including recitals and performances
- Managed records for departmental instruments and music, optimizing organization through technology
- Served as a liaison between faculty, students, and the community, representing the department on and off campus
- Designed and maintained department materials, including class schedules, bulletin boards, and promotional content
- Oversaw campus communication, handling event logistics and departmental operations



Marching Band Assistant

Bishop McCort High School

2017-2018

- Assisted with the Bishop McCort Marching Band in:
 - Leading summer rehearsals
 - Teaching and cleaning the half time show drill and music
 - Leading instrumental workshops on technique, music, and drill
 - Assist with the logistical planning for performances and events

Other Experiences



Retail Associate and Representative

O'Sheas Candies, Ligonier, PA 2019-2022

- Delivered exceptional customer service by creating a welcoming retail environment and assisting customers with personalized recommendations
- Maintained accurate inventory records and artfully restocked products
- Represented the brand at community festivals and markets



Kennel Worker and Adoption Counselor

Cambria County Humane Society, Johnstown, PA 2016-2018

- Provided care for animals, ensuring their health and well-being through daily routines and medical observations
- Assisted adopters in finding suitable matches, offering guidance and education on pet care
- Maintained detailed records of animal care and adoption processes, ensuring compliance with organizational policies
- Organized and participated in community outreach events to promote the humane society's mission

Volunteer



Sigma Alpha Iota Province Officer

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2022-Present

- Supervise and advise the collegiate chapters at Carnegie Mellon, West Virginia University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, as well as Pittsburgh Alumnae
- Create digital newsletters to inform and engage members, highlighting achievements and sharing resources
- Plan and execute regional events, coordinating logistics and ensuring alignment with organizational goals
- Deliver mentorship and professional development to chapter leaders, promoting sustainable growth



Music Therapy Volunteer

AseraCare Hospice

2018-2019

- Adapted musical selections to meet the diverse needs and preferences of patients, contributing to personalized and meaningful care
- Collaborated with hospice staff to integrate music therapy into the overall care plan
- Maintained professionalism and confidentiality, ensuring a respectful and supportive experience for all participants

Certifications

- Instructional II PA Teaching Certificate - K-12 Music

Publications

- Matse, A. M. (2023). "Women in Conducting: Addressing the Gender Gap". *Pan Pipes*, 116 (1), 14-15
- Matse, A. M. (2023). "Women on the Podium". *PMEA News*, 87 (4), 41-43..

Professional Memberships & Affiliations

- Women Band Directors International
 - Member & Social Committee Member
- Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Music Fraternity
 - Member & Province Officer
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
 - Member & Chapter Advisor

Clinician & Symposium Experience

- “They’re People Too: Working With a Diverse Group of People” Workshop, *Presenter*, 2025
- Cambria County Senior High Honors Band Festival, *Guest Conductor*, 2024
- Seton Hill Conducting Symposium, *Musician*, 2024
- Waynesburg Conducting Symposium, *Conducting Fellow*, 2024
- “Empowering Women in Music” Workshop, *Presenter*, 2023
- Girls Who Conduct Early Career Program, *Mentee*, 2022-2023

Awards and Recognitions

- Golden Apple Award Nominee 2022
- Summa Cum Laude Graduate 2020
- Outstanding Department Graduate of the Alexander Music Department 2020
- Province Collegiate Leadership Award: Sigma Alpha Iota Ruby Sword of Honor 2020
- Sigma Alpha Iota Scholastic Award 2020
- Sigma Alpha Iota Collegiate Honor Award 2020
- Sigma Alpha Iota Sword of Honor 2019
- PA Intercollegiate Band Musician 2017-2020

Ensembles

- California Area High School Trojans Marching Band, Senior and Junior High Concert Bands, Senior High and Junior High Chorus, *Director* 2023-2024
- Greensburg Central Catholic Honors Band, Junior High Band. Chamber Choir, Chorus and Junior High Chorus, *Director* 2020-2023
- Spirit of the Scots Marching Band, *Piccolo, Marimba, Keyboard, and Announcer* 2016-2020
- Edinboro Concert Band/Symphonic Wind Ensemble, *Flute and Piccolo* 2016-2020
- Concert Band of North West PA, *Flute* 2016-2019
- Erie Junior Philharmonic, *Flute and Piccolo* 2016-2019
- PA Intercollegiate Band, *Flute* 2017-2019
- Edinboro University Chorale 2018
- Portage Area Community Band, *Flute* 2018
- Mercyhurst Civic Orchestra, *Flute and Piccolo* 2018-2021
- Presque Isle Pro Musica, *Flute* 2019
- Johnstown Youth Symphony Orchestra, *Flute* 2015-2016

Grants and Scholarships

- PMEA Margaret S. Bauer Grant 2023
- Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Development Grant 2022
- Music Department Scholarship 2022
- Student Leadership Scholarship 2019-2020
- Sigma Alpha Iota National Undergraduate Scholarship in Memory of Phyllis Dobbyn Holt 2019-2020
- Ralph and Eileen Ackerman Memorial Scholarship 2018-2020
- Sigma Alpha Iota Zeta Upsilon Katelyn Martibello Memorial Scholarship 2018 & 2020
- Music Department Scholarship 2018-2020
- Concert Band of Northwestern PA Scholarship 2017-2019
- President's Excellence Award 2016-2020
- Sue Manchester Hunt Memorial Scholarship 2016
- Fredrick Chopin Award and Scholarship 2016