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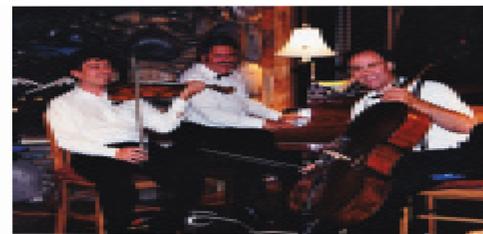
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Eric Samuels' diverse career as soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player has allowed him to perform in the New York area, throughout most of the United States, in Europe, and the Far East. Bernard Greenhouse, formerly of the Beaux Arts Trio, has said of Samuels, "He has distinguished himself among his colleagues as an intelligent and gifted musician of the highest level. Eric has captured the essence of a beautiful sound, and approaches the cello with great sensitivity, as well as technical virtuosity."

Mr. Samuels has performed as Principal Cellist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera and Ballet Orchestras, NY Gilbert & Sullivan Players, Bard College Chamber Orchestra, Utica & Schenectady Symphonies, Westchester Symphony Orchestra, Aspen Chamber Orchestra, and the Utah Music Festival Orchestra. In addition, he has performed with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, The Jupiter Symphony, Philharmonia Virtuosi, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, the Phoenix Symphony, Boise Philharmonic, and Utah Symphony. His career as soloist has included many regional orchestras in the United States and Europe.

Mr. Samuels has served on the faculties of Sarah Lawrence College, SUNY Albany, the Utah Music Festival, Master Works Festival, and the Waterloo Music Festival (NJ). While a member of the critically-acclaimed Laurentian String Quartet based at Sarah Lawrence College, Eric traveled internationally on a 48-week/year touring schedule.

Eric studied with Leonard Rose at The Juilliard School, and Bernard Greenhouse at SUNY Stony Brook, where he was awarded a Master of Music degree. He continued his studies for an additional 4 years with Bernard Greenhouse in the pursuit of a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Rutgers University. Mr. Samuels awards include prizes in the Artists International, the Sunwood Soloist, the Stony Brook Trio, and the SAI competitions.

Among Mr. Samuels' teachers and coaches have been Claus Adam, Julius Baker, Samuel Baron, Isidore Cohen, Timothy Eddy, Robert Gardner, Elsa Hilger, Einar Holm, Jay Humeston, Warren Lash, Ronald Leonard, Robert Levin, Theodore Lettvin, Zara Nelsova, Channing Robbins, Charles Rosen, Harvey Shapiro, Arnold Steinhardt, William Stokking, Michael Tree, and André Watts. Along with his wife, flutist Alison Griffiths, Mr. Samuels is a founding member of the Utah Music Festival & School. Mr. Samuels performs on a cello made in 1803 in Cremona, Italy, by J.B. Ceruti. The instrument is generously on loan from the Einar Holm Collection of the Ithaca Violoncello Institute, Ithaca, NY.

Eric lives with his wife & flutist, Alison Griffiths Samuels, and their four boys in Park City, Utah. He coaches and plays soccer & tennis, and teaches skiing at Vail / Park City. His musical travels include New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago, and Las Vegas. Alison and Eric enjoy being musical pioneers with the founding of the Utah Music Festival in 1994, and more recently, the Park City Youth Instrumental Program & the Park City / Summit County Orchestral & Choir.

EDUCATION

- **DOCTORAL CANDIDATE** – Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers – former student of Bernard Greenhouse
- **MASTERS OF MUSIC** – SUNY Stony Brook - student of Bernard Greenhouse
- **GRADUATE STUDIES**
 - Juilliard School of Music - student of Leonard Rose, Channing Robbins & Harvey Shapiro
 - University of Houston - student Warren Lash
 - University of Notre Dame - student of Frank Miller
 - University of Texas at Austin - student of Paul Olefsky
- **BACHELOR OF ARTS NEW COLLEGE** - Majors in Music, Business, and Religion (student of Jay Humeston & Peter Rejto)
- **ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL** - Student of Claus Adam, Ronald Leonard, Zara Nelsova, and Robert Gardner

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **FOUNDER** - Utah Music Festival (CEO and Artistic Director)
- **MEMBER** – Laurentian String Quartet (Sarah Lawrence College)
- **FOUNDER** – Duo Aspen & The Aspen Trio – Alison Griffiths Samuels, flute, Eric Samuels, cello, Joanne Pearce, piano
- **MEMBER** – Stony Brook Trio – coached by the Beaux Arts Trio
- **PRINCIPAL**
 - Albany Symphony Orchestra - Julius Hegyi, conductor
 - Classic Chamber Orchestra (NYC) - Max Brigado-Darman, conductor
 - Houston Grand Opera & Ballet Orchestras - Sergiu Commissiona & John Demaine, conductors
 - Joffrey Ballet & Ballet Hispanico Orchestras (NYC)
 - New York Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta Orchestra
 - West Point Messiah 50th Anniversary Chamber Orchestra
 - Bard College Chamber Orchestra (NY) – James Bagwell, conductor
 - Westchester Symphony Orchestra - Anthony Aibel, conductor
 - Lyric Opera Orchestra of New York - Gregory Ortega, conductor
 - Utica & Schenectady Symphonies (NY) - Charles Smith, conductor
 - Lake George Opera Orchestra - Lake George, NY
 - Naples Philharmonic (FL) – Timothy Russell, conductor
 - Aim Opera Orchestra - Graz, Austria - Cornelius Eberhardt, conductor
 - Kölner Cantorei Orkester (Germany) – Hermann Max, conductor
 - Allentown Symphony Orchestra - William Smith, conductor
 - Utah Music Festival Orchestra & Chamber Music Ensemble
 - Aspen Chamber Orchestra - Dennis Russell Davies, conductor
 - Master Works Festival Orchestra
 - Desert Inn & Sands Casino Orchestras - Las Vegas, Nevada
- **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
 - Waterloo Festival Orchestra (NJ) - Gerard Schwartz, conductor
 - Tulsa Philharmonic - Tom Lewis, conductor
- **FREELANCE**
 - New Jersey Symphony
 - Phoenix Symphony
 - Utah Symphony Orchestra
 - Orchestra of St. Luke's (NYC)
 - Philharmonia Virtuosi (NYC)
 - Jupiter Symphony
 - Princeton Chamber Orchestra
 - Bronx Arts Ensemble
 - Friends and Enemies of New Music (NYC)

- Radio City Music Hall
 - Musica Nova, Phoenix
 - Las Vegas Philharmonic
 - Boise Philharmonic
 - Metropolitan Art Museum Chamber Music Series (NYC)
 - CBS Records & Power Station Recording Studios (NYC) - Sound Tracks for Beauty and the Beast and Cape Fear, Recordings with Lyle Mays, Orchestra of St. Luke's, and Robert Shaw
- SOLOIST
- Symphony Orchestras of: Aachen, Köln, Dormagen Regensburg (Germany); Albany, NY, Austin, TX, Baton Rouge, LA, Charleston, SC, Iowa City, IA, Monmouth, NY, Southbend, IN, SUNY Albany & Stony Brook, Utica, NY, Wichita, KS; Aspen Conducting Orchestra, Utah Music Festival & School
- MEMBER – Aspen Festival Orchestra - Jorge Mester, Leonard Slatkin, Jerzy Semkov, Sergiu Commissiona, & Edo DeWaart, conductors
- PERFORMER – Royal Viking, Queen Elizabeth II, & Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- FACULTY – Utah Music Festival & School
- FACULTY – Master Works Festival
- ASSOCIATE FACULTY – Wasserman Quartet Program - Utah State University, Logan, UT
- ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE – Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
- PROFESSOR OF CELLO – SUNY Albany (NY)
- ASSISTANT FACULTY – Waterloo Music Festival - Princeton, NJ
- MASTER CLASSES – Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
- TEACHING ASSISTANT
- SUNY Stony Brook
 - Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts
- INSTRUCTOR – University of Texas, Austin, TX
- CLINICIAN & SUBSTITUTE – North Valley Christian Academy, AZ, Park City & Salt Lake Public Schools, UT, Weilenmann School of Discovery, Park City Academy

AWARDS

- WINNER
- Artist's International (NYC) & Sunwood Competitions (NY)
 - Stony Brook Trio Competition
 - SAI Competition
 - New College Music Festival Concerto Competition
- FINALIST – Midland/Odessa (TX) Soloist Competition
- FELLOWSHIPS
- Aspen Music Festival (9 summers)
 - Music Festival of Florida
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- Eastman School of Music
 - SUNY Stony Brook
 - Rutgers
 - University of Houston
 - University of Texas at Austin
 - Notre Dame
 - Muhlenberg College
 - Meadowmount Music Camp

U T A H M U S I C F E S T I V A L

QUOTES

"The Directors are pleased with the work you are doing and wish you continued success in your future plans for the festival."

Lisa Eccles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation

"We Utahns are indeed fortunate to have a world-class music festival in our own backyard! The Utah Music Festival has quickly established itself among other highly acclaimed performing arts institutions in Utah as a premier event for chamber music performance and education. I wish the festival continued success!"

Senator Orrin Hatch

"The Utah Music Festival has contributed to Park City's reputation as a city of festivals that provide unparalleled cultural opportunities to visitors and residents alike."

Salt Lake Tribune

"I wish you continued success with the Utah Music Festival!"

Governor Michael O. Leavitt

"...offering an alternative to the well-known Marlboro Music Festival."

Salt Lake Tribune

"I have collaborated with the Utah Music Festival in the production of several musical concerts. I was impressed from the beginning with the professional standards of quality exhibited at the concerts presented by UMF. Both before and after my retirement from Maverik I have been a financial supporter of UMF. Now as a full time composer I come in contact with many musical organizations and want you to know that some of the finest performances I have attended have been those presented by UMF."

William Call, former President, Maverik Country Stores;
Professional Composer, Doctorate, University of Illinois

"The Utah Music Festival provides a much needed type of entertainment which rounds out our community offerings each summer... their nationally-known musicians bring with them a broad spectrum of audience appeal and top notch music making."

Bill Malone, Executive Director, Park City Chamber of Commerce

"The Utah Music Festival provides locals and visitors from around the world with an opportunity to enjoy first-class ... their summer institute introduces the Park City area to hundreds of students and families, who spend several weeks and thousands of dollars in our area ...they have a true passion for what they do."

Jennifer Kohler, Marketing Manager, Heber City Chamber of Commerce

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“...the comments we’ve received from our dining patrons mention the outstanding quality of the performances comparing them to any New York City performance...the relationship between the festival and Sai-Sommet Restaurant has left our clientele with an enriched cultural and educational experience...by encouraging this success to grow, we will in turn enhance Park City and Summit County’s summer musical atmosphere.”

James Dumas, Chef de Cuisine & Proprietor, Sai-Sommet Restaurant, Deer Valley Club

“The festival performances have greatly enhanced our patrons dining experience and contributed to our successful business. We believe the Samuels’ and their fellow musicians to be a delightful asset to the Park City musical community.”

Bill White & Mark Turnbow, Owner & Manager, Grappa Italian Restaurant & Café

“The chemistry among internationally renowned musicians, pianist Myron Romanul, violinist Roberto Cani, and cellist/festival director, Eric Samuels was so impressive the audience refrained from chatter while they dined to relish the performance.”

Jana McQuay, Park Record “Scene” Editor

“I’ve never been this close (to a performance)...I find this so exhilarating, so much energy. I thoroughly enjoyed it!”

Phyllis Karp, Concert guest and diner, tourist from New Jersey

“The festival is a great musical and social experience for the young students. Many of these kids don’t often get the exposure to a high caliber of music making. It’s great for them to play chamber music with experienced faculty.”

Desirée Ruhstrat, International Concert Violinist;
Faculty, Music Institute of Chicago & The Utah Music Festival

“I feel the Utah Music Festival has significant value to local businesses, restaurants and the community in general. The musicians provide very high quality performances, portray a professional public image, and perform with sincerity & enthusiasm.”

Mary H. Parsons, M.D., Chief Physician/Internist, Summit Health Center

“The superb concert by the Utah Music Festival lingers in my memory...precision and tone quality seemed flawless...the Mendelssohn quartet, with its less-than-whisper pianissimi, brilliance of technique, and never-wavering unified concentration, held everyone spellbound.”

Cohleen Bischoff, Temple Square Concert Series

“One of the unexpected and hidden gems in the Utah arts panorama...!”

Dr. Edward Pease, USU Associate Dean of Fine Arts

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“With proper funding, the Utah Music Festival could be to music what the Sundance Film Festival is to film and the Shakespeare Festival is to theater!”

Jennifer Hartman, Legislative Vice President, Logan City PTA Council

“Having enjoyed many summer music festival, i.e., Aspen, Spoleto, Mostly Mozart, etc., we can vouch for the fact that these concerts would do credit to any of these festivals.”

David & Miriam Weiss, Law Professor Emeritus, University of Florida

“The players dug into this bracing work (Brandenburg Concerto #3) with a robust vitality...”

Deseret News

“...the Brahms Opus 114 Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano was notable for its warmth and passion.”

Deseret News

“The concert concluded with a bang-up performance of the Schumann Piano Quintet!”

Salt Lake Tribune

“Eric and Alison have put their entire lives into making this high-quality and well-respected festival happen each year. They create musical environments that are enjoyed by tourists as well as those who appreciate fine music locally.”

Mary Beth Maziarz, Recording Artist and Park City Resident

“The Utah Music Festival is a true asset for our area. The professionalism and high quality of the music is an attraction all by itself; add to that the outreach workshops and master classes for young musicians, and we have a Festival with the ability to attract a national audience.”

Susan Feulner, Co-Owner & Director, KPCW Public Radio Station

“...their teaching is evidence of their extensive experience and understanding of how to shape young people into fine young artists. ”

Debra Cook, Director & Piano/Vocal Teacher, Park City Music; Director, Park City Singers

“...the festival makes the musical experience fun, creative, and rewarding...they are dedicated to enriching the cultural & educational atmosphere in our community.”

Susan Wymer, former music director, Park City Community Church

“...your students show how fortunate we are to have your talents here in Park City. We are blessed by your presence.”

Shelle Jennings, Music Director, Park City Community Church

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“The Samuels’ approach others with a sensitivity and enthusiasm which gives the classical arts a friendly face for those who experience their music. Our church appreciates the festival’s outreach to the community in many ways, and has noticed that its activities aid in attracting tourism to the area and enrich the cultural lives of residents.”

Father Patrick Finn, former Vicar, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

“With their many professional contacts throughout the nation, the Samuels are able to attract an unusually high level of talent to our community. They are hard working, talented and contributing members of our local Park City community!”

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Carmichael, former Philadelphia, PA residents, and local Park City Arts Supporters

“We look forward to our association with the Utah Music Festival’s important series of chamber music concerts.”

Thomas Southam, former Curator of Exhibitions, University of Utah Fine Arts Museum

“Alison has proven to be a highly talented and motivated flutist. She has an expressive and beautiful sound with great technical ability. Alison emulates the highest standards of flute playing.”

Julius Baker, Principal Flute Emeritus, New York Philharmonic;
faculty, Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music, Curtis, Carnegie Mellon

“Alison is a brilliant young flutist! She possesses a beautiful sound that is vibrant, full of life and color. Her technique is completely accomplished with facility and grace. Her involvement with the music is total and sincere.”

Samuel Baron, New York Woodwind Quintet, Bach Aria Group;
Professor of Flute, Juilliard & SUNY Stony Brook

“Alison Griffiths maintains a dedication to the pursuit of elegant music making, good intonation, appropriate style, flawless technique and expression. I am please to recommend her as a fine artist, a charming and attractive young woman and dependable performer.”

Albert Tipton, Professor of Flute Emeritus, Rice University & Aspen Music Festival

“Alison is a remarkable flute-player and musician! I have long admired her musical talent and administrative skills which require perseverance, tenacity and patience. She has an affable personality and, musically, exhibits high standards and a strong sense of commitment.”

Erich Graf, Principal Flute, Utah Symphony

“Alison is a lovely player; she possesses a full, rich sound on the instrument and has the musical knowledge and background to turn her sound and excellent technical command of the flute into lovely music. Her training has been on the highest possible level and her students adore her!”

Ronald de Kant, Professor of Clarinet, Chairman of Woodwinds and Brass, University of Cincinnati

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“Alison’s teaching style, knowledge of literature and rapport with the students were all excellent. The students all gave outstanding performances and had a wonderful time!”

Dennis Harrington, Park City School District Orchestral Teacher

“Eric has distinguished himself among his colleagues as an intelligent and gifted musician of the highest level. He has captured the essence of a beautiful sound and approaches the cello with great sensitivity and technical virtuosity.”

Bernard Greenhouse, Cellist Emeritus, Beaux Arts Trio; Professor Emeritus, Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music, SUNY Stony Brook, New England Conservatory, Rutgers University

“Eric Samuels is an extremely talented cellist who works diligently and gets wonderful results. He is a dependable orchestral player and inspiring soloist with rich sound and excellent control of his instrument.”

William Stokking, Principal Cellist, Philadelphia Orchestra

“Eric is one of the finest young cellists I know today. He possesses a full, well-projected tone, secure intonation, and facility which enable him to deal comfortably with the major repertoire. His playing is musically expressive, and he is very much at home on the concert stage.”

Robert Gardner, Principal Cellist, New York City Opera

“From my first encounters with this extraordinary cellist, I have been sure that Eric possesses all of the attributes of a great musical performer: beauty and strength of tone, a supple and consistent line, instinct for ensemble as well as solo projection, physical dexterity, a good ear, and perhaps most importantly, a generous heart much in love with life and music.”

Gilad Karni, Principal Violist, Berlin Opera; former member, New York Philharmonic

“Eric Samuels is an esteemed colleague of mine. He is an excellent cellist and teacher with a wealth of experience. I have the greatest respect for his knowledge of the instrument as well as his integrity. He is a fine musician of great sensitivity, an outstanding musician, and a warm caring person.”

Judith Glyde, Professor of Cello & Chamber Music, University of Colorado at Boulder; former member, The Manhattan String Quartet

“Eric is an extremely talented cellist and musician. His brand of music making is first rate! I’ve seen him teach with true compassion and excellent results. Eric is an energetic organizer with dreams of quality, enthusiastic music making by creating an environment where people can grow and reach their potential. He makes these dreams come true.”

Ross Harbaugh, Professor of Cello, University of Miami; former cellist, New World String Quartet

“Musicians at a variety of levels collaborate and perform together. This unique approach provides an experience that allows for maximum growth, as a human being as well as a musician!”

Giovanni Venezia, violin/viola - Las Vegas Academy Junior

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“It’s a good opportunity to meet other musicians and play challenging repertoire. I’m learning a lot and growing as a musician. It’s a fun over-all experience which helped become more comfortable performing. After three weeks at UMFe3S, I auditioned and won the principal viola position in the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra.”

Valori Walker, viola - Las Vegas Academy Graduate

“Rehearsing and performing with the pros really boosted my abilities and confidence. Students rarely make this much progress in an entire year of school. Practicing becomes a way of life!”

Parker Sharp, cello - Wasatch High School

“Having attended many different summer music festivals in the past, including international festivals in China and Brazil, I found the Utah Music Festival to be one of the most fruitful and positive learning experiences I have had. Wonderful faculty members not only teach but play alongside students in chamber music and orchestra. I learned a great deal musically, and enjoyed meeting students from around the country, forming some lasting friendships!

I played a variety of great chamber music pieces each week, and am proud of the accomplishment of performing a large amount of repertoire at a high level throughout my five weeks at the festival. Through lessons with the faculty members, I was able to polish graduate school audition pieces and learn new ideas that are now part of my playing. The many perspectives I received from the faculty on my repertoire, helped me play more artistically during my auditions.

It was heartwarming and inspiring to see the faculty and staff’s great vision for sharing music with others. I am very happy to have been a part of UMFe3S, and thankful to the staff for their selflessness, generosity, and inspiration in making the experience a wonderful success.”

Linda Duan, violinist / pianist - M.M. CCM, DMA student Cleveland Institute of Music

“The faculty at UMFe3S greatly improved my technique and musicianship! The camaraderie among students and faculty is truly exceptional, and has helped boost my confidence as both a musician and a person. Here you get to hang out with other musicians - at all levels - all the time.”

Curtis Karwacki, cello - Crane School of Music M.M.

“You get exposed to a lot of different music. And the weather’s great! You have the opportunity to better yourself as a musician.”

Josh Lynch, violin - Northern Arizona State M.M.

“You can start at your own level and develop from there. It’s a very friendly environment where you can be yourself. The scenery also is breathtaking. It’s not only a camp where you can learn – it’s also a great vacation!”

Dulce Gomez, viola - Las Vegas Academy Sophomore

UTAH MUSIC FESTIVAL & SCHOOL

QUALIFICATIONS – ERIC & ALISON SAMUELS

- Combined music industry experience of 40 years as performers, educators, administrators, and development directors
- Combined undergraduate and graduate schooling and degrees from the University of Rochester, Eastman School of Music, SUNY Stony Brook, Manhattan School of Music, Juilliard, Rutgers, Notre Dame, University of Houston, University of Texas (Austin), and New College (Sarasota, FL)
- Fifteen years professional experience in over 50 New York / New Jersey / Connecticut / Pennsylvania-based music ensembles and schools
- Degrees in both music and business
- Fellowship and scholarship aid as participants in the Aspen Music Festival, Sarasota Music Festival, Waterloo Music Festival, Graz, Austria “AIMS” Opera Orchestra, and Tanglewood Music Festival
- National and international touring careers
- Professional contacts in New York City, throughout the nation, and Europe
- Arts advocates in the political arenas of Utah State government – successful efforts to promote “RAP Tax” for Summit County and direct lobbying of Utah State Legislature
- Produced over 500 concerts in 23 intermountain west communities including, Alta, Snowbird, Solitude, Midway, Park City, Deer Valley, Salt Lake City, BYU, Sundance, Logan, Bear Lake and several locations in Idaho and Wyoming
- Recruited over 900 faculty members and guest artists representing most of the orchestral and jazz instruments, including violin, viola, cello, bass, oboe, flute, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, harp, percussion, bandonéon, piano, saxophone, etc. Faculty represents nation’s top orchestral and chamber organizations, soloists, and faculty at leading music conservatories and colleges.
- Educated over 3,000 students from Utah, the nation, and 8 foreign countries
- Developed a college credit program through USU to provide credits for summer study
- Artistic Directors and Faculty of the Park City School of Music, Summit County / Park City Youth Orchestra and Choir
- Participants in local events through activities at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Mt. Life Evangelical Free Church, the Park City Community Church, Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, and the Park City Arts Council

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- Donors of professional services to KBYU, KPCW, KSL, KUER, Park City Film Series, “The Divas” concert, Women of Taste, & Park City Arts Council, Colby School, Park City Academy, Park City Presbyterian Church, Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, Mt. Life Evangelical Free Church, St. Luke’s and Wasatch Anglican Fellowship Episcopal Churches, Park City Community Church, “Interlude” Singers, Summit County and Park City School District, Jans Winter Welcome event.

EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Festival faculty and students interact with the local community’s music students, accomplished professionals, and audiences through organized masterclasses, workshops, concerts, open rehearsals, and recreational events.
- Philosophy of personal and cultural outreach to enrich the host communities through year-round donation of free concerts and school workshops
- Provide a rare opportunity for talented students from Park City, the Intermountain West, and around the nation to be coached and perform with internationally-recognized soloists, chamber musicians, orchestral players, and faculty from some of the most highly regarded conservatories and universities in the nation
- All concerts are open to children and students FREE of charge.
- Public radio outreach with KPCW, KUER, KBYU, and KUSU to approximately 250,000 listeners statewide and thousands more nationally through shared-broadcast agreements
- World Wide Web marketing through utahmusic.org website and links to millions nationwide, including publicity for many Utah events and organizations with connecting web access (restaurants, schools, recreational activities, local businesses, tourist bureaus, etc.)
- Expanded Festival activities will include concerts and educational programs throughout the year, reaching an even greater cross-section of listeners and music students in major and underserved communities throughout Utah.
- Year-round Park City / Summit County outreach workshops for area elementary, junior high, and high school students, amateurs, and career oriented young professionals through Park City School of Music
- Festival faculty features approximately 75 musicians yearly, including internationally-known soloists, chamber musicians from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, principal and section players from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New Orleans Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Phoenix Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Alabama Symphony, Albany Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Kansas City Symphony, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Utah Symphony, and Washington National Symphony and Opera Orchestras; Schools and Conservatories represented by faculty include Arizona State University, BYU, Cincinnati, Eastman, Juilliard, Manhattan, Music Institute of Chicago, Oberlin, University of Southern California, Cal State Northridge, Point Loma Nazarene University, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Utah Valley University, Utah State University, and the University of Utah.

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- The Festival continues to reach some of the most outstanding students from Utah and around the nation by emphasizing intensive, personal attention from the enthusiastic faculty. One-on-One mentoring provides encourages students to excel in both their musical and personal lives.
- The goal of integrating these activities with corporate and community interests
- Festival events attended by audiences of 50 to 1800 listeners depending on venue, artists, and marketing outreach

June 14, 2016

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To whom it may concern:

I have known Eric Samuels for the past year and can commend him as an excellent teacher of high character who cares for his students. He was recommended to me by the Park City High School orchestra director as the only cello teacher I should consider in the Park City area. I was delighted to get connected with Eric, and my daughter has benefitted greatly from his mentorship.

We take music very seriously in our family. My mom is a professional flutist, and I studied violin for most of my growing up experience through the Eastman School of Music in NY. My children have also enjoyed music – my oldest daughter on violin, my middle daughter on flute (with Alison Samuels as a teacher), and my youngest daughter (11 years old) studying cello with Eric. When I saw Eric's bio prior to meeting him, I was very impressed with his background – he has excellent credentials and experience. As a result, Eric has called my daughter up into a higher level of cello playing and greater confidence. At the same time, Eric has been a very approachable teacher; he has listened to my daughter's questions and struggles, responding with help and encouragement. And he has shared his joy of music-making with us, which has made the experience fun and inspiring for my daughter who practices first thing every morning of her own volition. Her commitment to consistent practicing is a testament to Eric's inspiration as a teacher.

I recommend Eric Samuels whole heartedly as a music teacher!

Sincerely,

Gail E. Stucker
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Park City, Utah

June 14, 2016

RE: Recommendation of Eric Samuels

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Eric Samuels, who has been our daughter Olivia's cello and violin teacher since we moved to the Park City area 16 months ago.

We have had a very positive experience with Eric and would wholeheartedly recommend him for any music teaching position. Eric is a gifted teacher whose passion for music and care for Olivia have been evident from the beginning. Though principally a cellist, because of his musical and teaching talents we felt Eric was the right fit to be Olivia's violin teacher. Our choice was further justified as Olivia has also started playing cello and has blossomed under his tutelage.

Eric has shown genuine care for Olivia and her musical progress. She loves working with him and learning from him. Eric has always been very upbeat and encouraging, with an excitement for music that is infectious. We have appreciated his ability to be flexible with scheduling lessons, despite occasional travel demands on both sides. Overall, we would not hesitate to recommend Eric to other families or institutions that are considering hiring him for a music teaching role.

Please feel free to contact us directly should you desire any additional information.

Sincerely,

[signed]

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ERIC SAMUELS, CELLIST

Recommendations

During his seven years of study with me, Eric Samuels has distinguished himself among his colleagues as an intelligent and gifted musician of the highest level. Eric has captured the essence of a beautiful sound and approaches the cello with great sensitivity and technical virtuosity. I support his pursuit of a career as soloist and chamber musician with the greatest enthusiasm.



BERNARD GREENHOUSE

Cellist Emeritus, Beaux Arts Trio
Professor Emeritus of Cello, Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music,
SUNY Stony Brook, New England Conservatory, Rutgers University

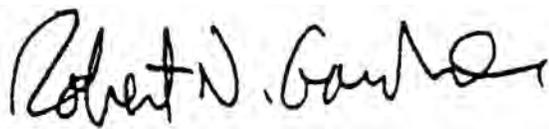
Eric Samuels is an extremely talented cellist who works diligently and gets wonderful results. He is a dependable orchestral player and inspiring soloist with rich sound and excellent control of his instrument. Truly he would be a fine asset to any orchestra.



WILLIAM STOKKING

Principal Cellist
Philadelphia Orchestra

Eric is one of the finest young cellists I know today, and has many outstanding qualities. He possesses a full, well-projected tone, secure intonation, and a facility that enables him to deal comfortably with the major repertoire. His playing is musically expressive, and he is very much at home on the concert stage. I have the utmost confidence in his abilities.



ROBERT GARDNER

Principal Cellist
New York City Opera
Aspen Music Festival

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G I L A D K A R N I

65 Central Park West, Suite 2E, New York, NY 10023 Tel/Fax (212) 580-0626

To: Mrs. Alice Ilchman, President of The Sarah Lawrence College

January 22, 1992

Re: Eric Samuels, The Laurentian String Quartet.

From my first encounters with this extraordinary cellist at my audition for the Sarah Lawrence String Quartet in November 1991, I have been sure that Mr. Samuels possesses all of the attributes of a great musical performer - beauty and strength of tone, a supple and consistent line, instinct for ensemble as well as solo projection, physical dexterity, a good ear, and perhaps most important, a generous heart much in love with life and music.

Sincerely,



Gilad Karni

Solo Violist

Violist, New York Philharmonic

Winner, Tertis Competition

Principal, Berlin Opera Orchestra

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March 1, 1993

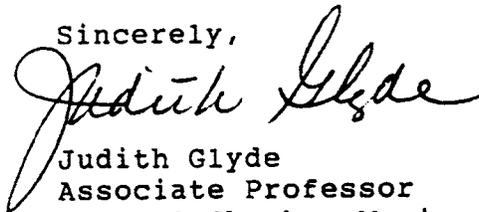
To whom it may concern:

Eric Samuels is an esteemed colleague of mine. He is an excellent cellist and teacher with a wealth of experience.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Eric for many years, as a friend and colleague. I know his teaching to be superb - from both his students and his fellow teachers at Sarah Lawrence College, SUNY-Albany, and Ithaca College. I have the greatest respect for his knowledge of the instrument as well as for his integrity. Eric is a fine musician of great sensitivity, an outstanding instrumentalist, and a warm and caring person.

Eric is worthy of the finest, and I heartily recommend him without reservation for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Judith Glyde
Associate Professor
Cello & Chamber Music

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April 3, 1993

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Eric Samuels is an extremely talented cellist and musician. I've had the pleasure of working with him in orchestral and chamber music settings as well as solo duos, and I find his brand of music making first rate.

Over the past 6 years I've also seen Eric teach with true compassion and with excellent results. His friendly yet professional approach is exactly what so many students need.

In addition to all these qualities, Eric is an energetic organizer and works well with people of all ages. His dreams are of quality, of enthusiastic music making, of creating environments where people can grow and reach their potential. Eric makes these dreams come true.

I recommend Eric Samuels to you with pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross Harbaugh".

Ross Harbaugh
Associate Professor of Cello
Cellist, New World Quartet



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September 12, 2003

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the talents of cellist, Eric Samuels. Eric is a fine musician of talent, accomplishment and dedication. I know him as a friend, performer and teacher, having known Eric since his studies at Rutgers University and having been an artist at his festival, the Utah Festival, a few years ago. Eric would be an ideal candidate for a doctoral degree and a wonderful candidate for a teaching assistantship. I can recommend him with confidence as musician, teacher and colleague.

Eric plays with a beautiful sound, fine intonation, taste and attention to instrumental and musical detail. He has strong musical instincts, but is also an informed, educated musician who successfully blends both the rational and the intuitive.

As a teacher, Eric is critical and constructive, articulate in both musical and technical matters. He sincerely enjoys teaching and is considerate, dedicated and hard working. Like most people who are successful, he defines his assignments by doing what is needed rather than what is prescribed and is always willing to go "the extra mile" when necessary. Eric's passion for what he is doing, along with his energy and commitment, allows him to set and maintain very high standards.

Eric is a talented, intelligent, creative and generous person whom I feel would be a great asset to any endeavor. I recommend him to you most highly. If you would like to question me further, please feel free to telephone me at (303) 492-5927.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Glyde, Professor
Cello & Chamber Music
Chair, String Faculty

DESIRÉE RUHSTRAT
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To whom it may concern:

I have known Eric Samuels for five years and during this time have performed with him at the Utah Music Festival in numerous concerts.

I found Mr. Samuels to be both an excellent cellist and musician. He has a good rehearsal technique being quick to identify problems, which always culminates in very successful, exciting performances. He also has a marvelous rapport with whomever he is working, relating equally well to adults and children.

Eric's enthusiasm, genuine commitment to the score, and sense of humor allows him to gain respect from everyone he works with and in turn get the maximum potential out of the groups in which he performs.

I have no hesitation in recommending Eric Samuels for the Arizona State DMA program.

Desirée Ruhstrat
Concert Violinist

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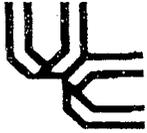
Nov. 10, 2003

To Whom it concerns:

I am writing this letter to recommend Eric Samuels to you in your graduate programs. I worked with Eric this past summer through the Utah Music Festival, and I can vouch for his estimable energy and musicianship. He is the driving force behind this festival, which has run successfully here in Utah for many years. Eric is a fine cellist, and knowledgeable chamber musician, in addition to being an experienced and accomplished orchestral player. I admire his ability to attract first-class artists to the festival, and know it is no small feat to organize, develop, and sustain such an effort. He is a wonderfully enthusiastic, and caring person, a natural teacher, and is well acquainted with the professional world. I applaud his efforts to finish his education and know his talents are well suited to the demands of graduate school and professional world beyond. I urge your support of Eric, and hope he will be allowed to pursue his goals under your tutelage. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Best wishes,

Kory Katseanes
Director of Orchestras
Brigham Young University
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kory_katseanes@byu.edu



November 20, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

This is an open letter of recommendation for ERIC SAMUELS.

Mr. Samuels is an excellent professional 'cellist with whom I've given quite a few performances including the Brahms Quintet and Trio plus other repertoire. The above mentioned are quite taxing both physically and mentally and Mr. Samuels did a simply excellent job during all of our performances.

He has run a music festival in Utah for quite a few years and has attracted top players to perform there. This should speak to his organizational skills. Should he be given a project you can be assured that it would be done professionally and with good grace.

Although I've only heard one or two of his students I was impressed with their obvious good grounding and their approach to the instrument. Of course, this should come as no surprise when you take Mr. Samuels' training into consideration.

Eric is possessed of a sunny disposition and never sees the glass as half empty. Many times I have seen him in difficult situations and he always approaches them with a smile and incredible patience and usually winds up with a workable solution. One of the reasons for this is that he has marvelous powers of persuasion. This in itself helps most situations, but mostly it is his expertise and patience.

I urge you to give him your most serious consideration for any position that could utilize his skills. It is with pleasure that I give ERIC SAMUELS my highest recommendation without qualification.

Sincerely,

Ronald de Kant
Professor of Clarinet
Chair, Dept. Of Woodwinds and Brass



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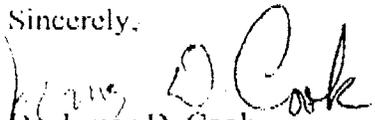
May 12, 2003

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Erik Samuels. Erik is a wonderful musician. I have performed with him in chamber music and can attest to his compatability, sensitivity and musicality. He ranks with the more outstanding musicians that I have worked with in all of these areas. He is technically excellent, has excellent intonation and can play the most advanced literature with ease. All of the collaborative experiences have been most positive.

I believe that Erik will make an excellent graduate student. He is intelligent, has a passion for his music, is open to suggestions and positive interchange with regard to musical ideas. He would be a fine teacher for undergraduate students—his personality is certainly compatible with University teaching. He has a lifelong commitment to growth and is interested in anything that furthers his knowledge about music and music-making. I recommend him to you without reservation as a fine human being, intelligent musician and sensitive colleague.

Sincerely,


Dr. James D. Cook
Chair, Department of Music
Boise State University

Margaret Jaconelli

From: ERIC
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2003 1:36 PM
To: Margaret Jaconelli
Subject: [Fwd: recommendation request]

Dear Ms. Jaconelli,

Please include this in my file. Thanks for your help!

Eric

----- Original Message -----

Subject: recommendation request
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 23:16:31 -0700
From: "Trabichoff, Geoffrey" <GTrabichoff@albertson.edu>
To: <utahmusic@parkcity.net>

Dear Eric,

If this is still relevant, here is my recommendation letter.

Geoff

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Eric Samuels has asked me to write him a reference, and I am happy to do so. Mr. Samuels is a very talented cellist, who makes a beautiful sound on the instrument, and who is very conscientious about his playing. I have worked with Mr. Samuels at the Utah Music Festival, which he has run successfully for many years, and recommended him as a substitute cellist for my own orchestra, the Boise Philharmonic. He has played with us periodically for a number of seasons.

Geoffrey Trabichoff
Artist-in-Residence, Albertson College of Idaho
Concertmaster, Boise Philharmonic
Violinist, Langroise Trio

Marc Reese

Trumpet, Empire Brass

1098 SW 12th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33486

phone/fax: 561-417-7122 email: MR Reese4444@aol.com

September 18, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Eric Samuels. I have had the pleasure of working with Eric for the last several years at the Utah Music Festival. He is a fine cellist and supportive colleague. I have always found him to be very professional and serious about his work. Eric is very well liked and adapts easily to any situation. I recommend him for the position in which he is applying and I am certain that he will be an asset to your organization. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Thank You,

Marc Reese

Marc Reese

PAUL CARMICHAEL, MD (RET)
BOX 680308
PARK CITY, UTAH 84068

SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION TO YOU CONCERNING THE CHARACTER AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY OF MR. ERIC SAMUELS.

I HAVE KNOWN MR SAMUELS FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. HE IS AN INDUSTRIOUS AND CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL, HAVING FOUNDED THE UTAH MUSIC FESTIVAL AND BEING A LOVING FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN. HE HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES IN ORGANIZING THE CONCERTS AND THE ABILITY TO SELECT PERFORMERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY AT THE MUSIC FESTIVAL.

HE HIMSELF IS AN OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN HAVING PLAYED CELLO WITH MANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. I RECOMMEND HIM TO YOU WITHOUT HESITATION.

SINCERELY

PAUL CARMICHAEL, MD (RET)

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October 31, 2006

Ms. Hilary Hays, Principal
Park City High School
Park City, UT 84060

Dear Principal Hays,

I write in support of Mr. Eric Samuels. I have known and worked with Eric over the past seven years in a number of capacities. I can say from personal experience that he is a good man and a trustworthy individual.

When I first came to town Eric and his wife Allison came and played at a formal reception in the Bald Eagle section of Deer Valley. I learned at that time of his work with the summer symphony and his passion to teach cello and other instruments to students. Both Eric and Allison are accomplished musicians, and have a passion to teach young people the joys of music.

Over the years I have seen Eric overcome obstacles and still remain positive. All the while he has been successfully raising a house-full of boys. He recently became the worship leader for his church and does a great job in that capacity of playing music and leading the congregation in worship. He even engages his sons in that activity.

Eric is a man of integrity and passion. Without knowing the extent of responsibilities in the position he is seeking, I can say that he will put himself into the job and do an outstanding performance inspiring young people.

Please contact me in person if you wish any further explanation or endorsement of Eric Samuels in this potential job opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tim Dahlin
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ERIC SAMUELS, CELLIST



St. John's Anglican Church

November 8, 2006

I write in reference to Eric Samuels.

It has been my pleasure to have known Eric since I moved to Park City a year and a half ago. During that time I have not only had the pleasure of listening to him performing, but also had the chance for personal interaction which has been a blessing to me. He has a passion not only for music, but also for life, and this is very refreshing.

Every project that I have seen him involved in has benefited greatly from his work and demeanor. He is an honest, hard-working and very talented man who would be of immense benefit to any organization for whom he works.

I would heartily recommend Eric to you, and if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Truly yours,

Christopher Seddon

The Rev. Christopher Seddon
St. John's Anglican Church
Park City, Utah 84098
435-655-7994

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ERIC SAMUELS, CELLIST

Jim & Shelle Jennings
1132 Cutter Lane
Park City, UT 84098
435-655-7531

November 1, 2006

Principal Hilary Hays
Park City High School

Re: High School Orchestra Director Job for Eric Samuels

Eric's credentials are obvious as he has been in your employ for some time. I would like to speak to him as a person.

I have worked with Eric on many occasions and in many venues here in Park City in the last 10 years. I know him to be one of the most passionate musicians with whom I've worked. And while this passion requires him to give only his best at all times, he has always found time and strength to lovingly and caringly help others. He has gone out of his way to make sure that other adults as well as young people perform to the best of their ability. Actually, I have witnessed folks rising beyond what they thought they could do, thanks to Eric. He is at once the consummate professional and the teacher we all hope to have.

Park City High School would be fortunate to have him as their orchestra director.

Sincerely,

Shelle Jennings

Former Director, Park City Singers
Former Minister of Music, Park City Community Church
Director, Interlude Chamber Choir

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November 1, 2007

Personnel Committee
Park City School District

Ladies, Gentlemen:

I understand Eric Samuels has applied for a music position in the district.

I have known Eric for several years. He has been active in several local churches in providing excellent music worship services. As he and his wife lead this part of the morning service, an insight into his character and values comes to light. He definitely is just not going through motions, though that would be quite easy to do.

So, I conclude, and submit to you folks, that Eric is a thorough musical professional, AND a warm, knowledgable, lover of the music

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world. His expertise and warmth will be the legacy of Eric's role in our public schools.

And, another observation. Eric has lived here several years, so I suspect that he would bring to this position a level of stability and musical expertise.

Please call me if I can expand on any issue in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

Roger Harlan

649-2624

Roger Harlan

City Council, Park City Municipal Corp.
Regional Director, Young Life
Chairman of the Board, Park City Academy

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Eric Samuels, cellist

My interest in teaching extends back to Teaching Assistant opportunities I had throughout my college years at New College, University of Houston, University of Texas at Austin, SUNY Stony Brook, Juilliard, and Rutgers. Following my studies, I have held teaching positions on the faculties of SUNY Albany, Sarah Lawrence College, Waterloo Music Festival, and the Utah Music Festival.

Perhaps the greatest influence on my enthusiasm for teaching has been the devotion shown to me by many inspirational teachers. The two major individuals after whom I've tried to pattern my playing and teaching have been the cellist with the "Beaux Arts Trio," Bernard Greenhouse, and the late Leonard Rose, who had one of the top international solo cello careers for over 40 years. Both of these gentlemen went out of their way to see me progress as a player and grow as a person. Neither of them needed to teach, and yet they poured their lives, sometimes at the expense of their personal time and health, into their students! These teachers felt that teaching kept their performing skills honest and at the highest level. This has certainly been my experience as well.

I should make a special mention of Mr. Rose's assistant, Channing Robbins, and one of his most fervent and expert students, Warren Lash, who both greatly aided my abilities on the instrument.

The world knows of Mr. Greenhouse's impeccable approach to the cello, but few know about his 45-year commitment to teaching. Although he studied with the same professors with whom Mr. Rose worked at The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia (Luigi Silva and Diran Alexanian), Mr. Greenhouse sought additional insights from Pablo Casals and Emmanuel Feuermann throughout his later 20's and into his 30's. In my opinion, he has introduced enormous technical ease and a rare musical aesthetic to the study of the cello. His emphasis on a lack of stretching and tension in either hands, his use of weight from the larger muscles of the back and shoulders, his flexibility from the waist upwards, and his reliance on a large pallet of musical colors from both his vibrato and bow have added great dimension and freedom to the world of cello playing.

Some of the other highlights of my past studies have included such wonderful performer / teachers as Claus Adam, Timothy Eddy, Robert Gardner, Alan Harris, Ronald Leonard, Frank Miller, and Harvey Shapiro. One of the main themes, which carried through all of my studies, was the goal of eventually being able to learn independently of a teacher. I believe it is important to teach the process of analysis to a student rather than simply feed them the analysis. Also, from my background in sports and auto mechanics, I enjoy challenging a student's understanding of the physical mechanics behind a technical or musical goal. This awareness helps them recreate the problem-solving process when on their own.

On a purely technical note, I believe it is critical to include not only the standard concertos, sonatas, chamber music and technical works, including: Dotzauer, Duport, Feuillard, Flesch, Franchomme, Gruetzmacher, Piatti, Popper, and Servais, but also instruct the student in the fine art of orchestral auditioning. In our current economic climate, it is a fact of most musicians' lives that orchestral work is perhaps the most widely available avenue of support.

From my liberal arts background at the University of Rochester and New College with a major in Music, Business, and Religion, to more focused musical studies during twelve years of graduate work, one of my guiding principles has been that a "well-rounded" person makes a better musician. The musician who takes interest in other people, issues, and events surrounding one's life, will inevitably be better prepared to communicate the great power of music to those around him.

I enjoy passing on the many wonderful things others have shared with me through an approach grounded in positive encouragement and mutual respect.