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EDUCATION

Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY)	
Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance and Literature	Expected 2011
Sacred Music Diploma	2008
Master of Music in Organ Performance and Literature	2007
Edvard Grieg Academy of Music, University of Bergen (Bergen, Norway)	
Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and Church Music	2004
Augustana College of Liberal Arts (Sioux Falls, SD)	
Bachelor of Arts in Music and German (Summa Cum Laude)	2002
Cumulative GPA: 3.99 (Scale: 1-4)	
Christian Upper Secondary School of Trondheim (Trondheim, Norway)	
Advanced Course General Academic Studies, Languages Major	1999
Cumulative GPA: 5.9 (Scale: 1-6)	

Years of collegiate level lessons: organ (11), piano (2), harpsichord (2), voice (2)

CHURCH POSITIONS AND INTERNSHIPS IN CHURCH MUSIC

<i>Organist</i> , First Church of Christ, Scientist (Rochester, NY)	2009-2010
<i>Assistant Musician</i> , Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word (Rochester, NY)	2004-2007
<i>Organist and Choir Director</i> , First Methodist Church (Bergen, Norway)	2002-2004
<i>Chapel Organist</i> , Augustana College of Liberal Arts (Sioux Falls, SD)	2000-2002
Graduate Internship, Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word (Rochester, NY)	2006-2007
Graduate Internship, Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Sioux Falls, SD)	Spring 2002

ACCOMPANIST

Senior and Children's Choirs, Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word (Rochester, NY)	2004-2007
Continuo player for cantata performances, Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word	2004-2007
Continuo player, Edvard Grieg Academy (Bergen, Norway)	2003-2004
Organ accompanist for the Augustana Chamber Choir, Collegiate Chorale, and the Opera Theater, Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD)	1999-2002
Featured jazz pianist with the big band at the Augustana College annual varieties show	2000

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Schola Cantorum (alto), Christ Episcopal Church (Rochester, NY)	2004-2010
Bergen Cathedral Chorus (tenor) (Bergen, Norway)	2002-2004
Praise Band (piano), Norwegian Lutheran Mission (Bergen, Norway)	2002-2004
Augustana College Chamber Choir (tenor) (Sioux Falls, SD)	2001-2002
Augustana College Choir (tenor) (Sioux Falls, SD)	1999-2002
Skarsøya Brassband (trombone) (Aure, Norway)	1990-1996

SOLO RECITAL ENGAGEMENTS

St. Paul's Cathedral (Buffalo, NY), Lunch Recital Series	2007, 2008, 2010
Central Synagogue (Manhattan, NY), Lunch Recital Series	2009
Cornell University (Ithaca, NY), Eastman student recital	2009

(SOLO RECITAL ENGAGEMENTS, CONT'D)

University of Buffalo (Buffalo, NY), Eastman student recital	2009
First United Methodist Church (Oneonta, NY), sponsored by the American Guild of Organists	2009
Bergen Cathedral (Bergen, Norway)	2004, 2005, 2009
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Sioux Falls, SD)	2007, 2009
American Lutheran Church (Huron, SD)	2009
Mount Olive Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN)	2008
Christ Lutheran Church (Cottonwood, MN)	2008
Downtown United Presbyterian Church (Rochester, NY), Lunch Recital Series	2008
Grace Lutheran Church (Sisseton, SD), sponsored by the Sisseton Arts Council	2008
St. Mary's Church (Bergen, Norway), Summer Concert Series	2003, 2006
Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD), Alumnus Recital	2006
Soloist at church music conference, Bjørgvin Diocese (Bergen, Norway)	2002
Soloist at "Pipes Spectacular" concert for the American Guild of Organists (Sioux Falls, SD)	2000

COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCES

Concerts with Scott Perkins (saxophone) and Brett Judson (organ) in Norway and USA	2010
Jazz piano improvisations with tenor Scott Perkins (Concerts in Minnesota and South Dakota)	2008
Concerts with tenor Harald Bjørkøy (Professor, Edvard Grieg Academy, Norway)	2004
Norwegian folk music recital with soprano Ranveig Læg Reid (Bergen Church Music Festival, Norway)	2003
Accompanied vocal recital with Kari Lise Høgseth and Silje Aker Johnsen: <i>Stabat Mater</i> by Pergolesi, sponsored by the City of Bergen, Norway	2003
Hymn festival accompanist (Bergen Church Music Festival, Norway)	2002
Organ concerto by Michelle Corrette, with string ensemble (Senior Degree Recital, Augustana College)	2002

PRINCIPAL ORGAN TEACHERS

David Higgs (Eastman School of Music)	2004-2010
William Porter (Eastman School of Music)	2005
Joel Speerstra (Eastman School of Music)	2004
Karstein Askeland (Edvard Grieg Academy of Music)	2002-2004
Marilyn Schempp (Augustana College)	2001-2002
Walter May (Augustana College)	1999-2001
Oddbjørn Sæbø (Private study, Trondheim, Norway)	1996-1999

MASTERCLASSES

Eastman School of Music: Jon Laukvik (2009), Ludger Lohmann (2007, 2008), Joris Verdin (2005), Eduardo Bellotti (2005), Harald Vogel (2005)
Smarano International Organ and Improvisation Academy: Eduardo Bellotti, Christoph Bossert, Pieter Dirksen, Massimiliano Guido, Jacques van Oortmerssen, William Porter, Joel Speerstra (Smarano, Italy, 2005, 2007)
Dublin International Organ Competition and Festival: Hans Fagius (Dublin, Ireland, 2008)
Edvard Grieg Academy of Music: Hans Fagius (2003), Szigmond Szathmary (2003), Harald Vogel (2003), Piet Kee (2002), Oliviér Latry (2002)
Augustana College: David Higgs (2002)
Augustana/Reuter Undergraduate Organ Competition: Marilyn Mason (Denver, CO, 2002)

COMPETITIONS AND HONORS

Dublin International Organ Competition (Ireland): Quarter Finalist	2008
Gruenstein Organ Competition (Chicago, IL): Third Prize	2006

(COMPETITIONS AND HONORS, CONT'D)

Augustana Arts/Reuter Undergraduate Organ Competition (Denver, CO): Honorable Mention	2002
Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Organ Competition (Washington, DC): Second National Winner	2001
Augustana College Honor Society	2002 to present
“Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges”	2002
Delta Phi Alpha, National German Honor Society	2001 to present

SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Award (Eastman School of Music)	2004-2010
Ann Anway Scholarship (Eastman School of Music)	2008
Grants from Lise and Arnfinn Heje’s Fund (Norway)	2008, 2009
Grants from the Tom Wilhelmsen Foundation (Norway)	2007-2009
Selma L. Evenson Music Scholarship (Augustana College)	2001-2002
M. R. Plueger Music Scholarship (Augustana College)	2000-2002
Hovland Scholarship “In Recognition of Achievement” (Sioux Falls, SD)	2000-2002
Reuben Larson Music Scholarship (Augustana College)	2000-2001

TEACHING, LEADERSHIP, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

<i>Teaching Assistant</i> for Prof. David Higgs, Eastman School (schedule, organize recitals and masterclasses, plan/lead faculty meetings)	2008-2010
<i>Instructor of secondary organ lessons</i> , Eastman School (auditions, syllabus design, grading)	2008-2010
<i>Student Liaison</i> , American Guild of Organists (Rochester) (helped found international recital series, helped plan professional workshops)	2008-2010
<i>Student Representative</i> , EROI Working Committee, Eastman School (planned international organ music conferences)	2009-2010
<i>Lecture-demonstrations</i> of pipe organs to community audiences, Eastman School	2004-2010
<i>Departmental Assistant</i> , Eastman School (administrative work)	2004-2008
<i>German Instructor</i> , Danielsen Christian Middle School (Sotra, Norway) (course design, classroom teaching, grading)	Spring 2003
<i>Vice President</i> , Augustana College Choir	2001-2002
<i>Student Representative</i> , Augustana College Music Department Council	2001-2002
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i> , Norwegian National Day Celebrations at Augustana College	2001

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Nurses’ Assistant, Aure Nursing Home (Aure, Norway), seasonal	2001-2009
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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English: fluent (strong academic and presentational skills)
German: fluent (B.A. degree <i>summa cum laude</i> ; translated organ restoration report into English for the Eastman School; German diction instruction to choirs)
Norwegian: native tongue (full fluency in both Norwegian languages)