

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EDUCATION**

2015 –17 - University of Western Ontario - Masters of Music in Education.  
Thesis: The effects of video recording on the amount of practice time, level of expertise, and self-regulating ability of adults in a beginner classical guitar class  
2015 - Ohio State University – Empirical Research Methods Workshop - One week; instructor: Dr. David Huron  
2014-2015, McMaster University – Psych 1X03 and 1XX3 Foundations of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Psych; 2MP3 Introduction to Music Cognition  
2014 – Grand Erie Learning Center - Grade 12 Biology  
2011- Royal Conservatory of Music, Teachers A.R.C.T. (Classical Guitar)  
2006 - Royal Conservatory of Music, Performers A.R.C.T. (Classical Guitar)  
2000-2003 - University of Toronto, Masters of Music Degree - Performance (Classical Guitar)  
1997-2000 - McMaster University, Bachelor of Music Degree (Classical Guitar)  
1985-1987 - Mohawk College of Applied Arts, Applied Music Diploma (Jazz Guitar)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **The University of Western Ontario**

2016, Fall – *Group Guitar Instruction Course, Music 2880R*. Undergraduate Music Education students; guitar as a second instrument.

### **Hamilton Suzuki School of Music**

2014-2015; Private lessons, Ensemble Director

### **McMaster University - Hamilton**

2007 – Present; private classical guitar instructor, director and conductor of guitar ensembles  
2012-2015, Sessional Lecturer – Undergraduate Classical Guitar Methods Courses

### **University of Toronto**

2014, Undergraduate guitar jury examiner  
2013, Undergraduate guitar juries – deferred students  
2011, Substitute conductor for undergraduate guitar orchestra

### **Brantford Christian Collegiate**

2003-2006, Grades 9-12, Music theory, history, and guitar orchestra

## **Braemar House Private School**

2003-2014, Director of grade 7-8 guitar orchestra program

## **Private Guitar Studio**

1988-Present

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

2016 – University of Western Ontario, *Enrolment Trends in Canadian University Music Programs*; supervisor Dean of Western Music Department, Betty Anne Younker. Duties include data mining and the creation of descriptive statistics.

2015 - University of Western Ontario, *Musical Learning Across the Lifespan*, supervisors Dr. Katie Overy and Dr. Jonathan De Sousa. Duties include organizing the first International MLAL symposium.

## **GUITAR PEDAGOGUE**

### **Private Students Accepted to Pre and Post-Secondary Education Programs (Graduate and Undergraduate) in Canada and Europe**

2016, Conservatorium van Amsterdam, Undergraduate performance degree, Kristian DelCantero

2016, Aspen Music Festival and School, Kristen Del Cantero

2015, Phil and Eli Performance Academy for Young Artists, RCM, Kristian Del Cantero

2014, University of Toronto Masters of Music Performance Program, James Renwick

2013, University of Ottawa undergraduate music program, Silas Chinsen

2013, University of Toronto undergraduate music program, Nathan Godfree

2010, Mohawk College Applied Music Program, Kayla Althouse

2009, McMaster University undergraduate Music Program, Alida Del Signore

2009, Mohawk College Applied Music program, Eric Godfree

2008, McGill University, Masters of Music in Theory, Evan Campbell

2008, Laurier University, Undergraduate Music Program, Garrett Stratford

2007, University of Victoria Undergraduate Music Program, Andrew Blad

### **Student Award Winners**

2016, RCM Examinations, Grade 8, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario

2016, ORMTA, ARCT level, Kristian Del Cantero, 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner

2015, April 24, Montreal International Guitar Competition 1st prize winner, youth category (17 + under) Kristian DelCantero

2015 June, OMFA Provincial Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Grade 10 RCM, category

2015, Brantford Kiwanis Festival, Senior Guitar Trophy, Kristian Del Cantero

2014, May 1, Brantford Kiwanis Festival, Senior Guitar Trophy, James Renwick

2014, May 10 McMaster University, Deans Medal, Excellence in the Humanities, \$5000  
James Renwick

2014, June 2, OMFA Provincial Competition, 1st, ARCT category, James Renwick  
2014, June 2, OMFA Provincial Competition, 1st, grade 10 category, Silas Chinsen,  
2014, June 2, OMFA Provincial Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grade 8 category, Kristian DelCantro  
2011, RCM Examinations, Grade 7, Gold Medal, highest mark on a James Renwick  
2011, RCM Examination, Grade 5, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, Peter Stypa  
2011, RCM Examination Grade 4, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, Kristain DelCantero,  
2007, RCM Examinations, Grade 2, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, Skyler Saracuse  
2007, RCM Examinations, Grade 7, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, Alida Del Signore  
2004, RCM Examinations, Grade 2, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, Brandon Pasternak  
2000, RCM Examinations, Grade 1, Gold Medal, highest mark in Ontario, David Chirkal

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Guitar Specialist, College of Examiners, Royal Conservatory of Music**

2008 - Present, examining all levels of classical guitar candidates throughout Canada and the USA. Mentoring apprentice examiners from throughout North America.

2016, July, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, Burnaby, Toronto. Teacher trainer to Raffi Altunian, of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

2016, June, Palo Alto California, (examining tour and teacher trainer to Scott Cmiel of the San Francisco Conservatory)

2016, January, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto

2015, August 17-18, Scarborough

2015, June 11, Kitchener/Waterloo

2015, Jun 12, London

2015, Jun 16, 2015 Oakville

2015, Jun 17, Brampton

2015, Jan 26-27, Calgary, United Conservatory Of Music

2015, Jan 23-24, Vancouver, Vancouver Academy of Music

2015, Jan 22, Richmond BC,

2015, Jan 19-20, Toronto, Telus Centre for Performance and Learning

2015 May, 17, Washington DC, Levine School of Music, Teacher trainer to Pat Bianculli of the United Nations International School, Long Island New York.

2014, Aug 20, Montreal, Unitarian Church of Montreal

2014, Aug 13, Barrie, First Baptist Church

2014, Aug 11-12, Mississauga S, Christ Church United

2014, June 23-24, Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church

2014, June 16, Scarborough N, Good Shepherd Community Church

2014, June 12-14, Telus Centre for Performance and Learning

2014, June 11, Ottawa East, Resurrection Lutheran Church

2014, June 10, Montreal, Unitarian Church Of Montreal, Examinations in French

2014, Jan 13, Woodbridge, Arcadia Academy of Music

2013, Aug 19-20, Unionville, St Phillip's On-The-Hill  
2013, Aug 15, Victoria, Victoria Truth Centre  
2013, Aug 13-14, Vancouver West, Masonic Centre  
2013, Aug 12, Calgary NE, United Conservatory Of Music  
2013, Jun 14-15, Calgary NE, United Conservatory Of Music  
2013, Jun 13, Edmonton SW, Taylor University College  
2013, Jun 12, Winnipeg NW, Manitoba Conservatory of Music  
2013, Jan 21, Hamilton - Immanuel Church  
2013, Jan 18-19, Mississauga, Christ Church United – teacher trainer for American trainees.  
2008-2012 Various examining tours across Canada

### **Guitar Adjudicator and Master Classes Clinician**

2017 – April 9 Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival  
2017 – April 4 Owen Sound Kiwanis Music Festival  
2016 – Burlington Rotary Festival  
2016 – Newmarket Lions Club Music Festival  
2015 - North York Music Festival  
2015 - Kiwanis Music Festival of London  
2015 - Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival  
2015 - Montreal International Guitar Festival  
2015 - New Market Lions Club Music Festival  
2015 - Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival  
2014 - Lippert School of Music, Toronto Festival  
2014 - Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival  
2014 - Stratford Kiwanis Festival of the Performing Arts  
2013 - American Music Guild Music Festival, Toronto  
2013 - Stratford Kiwanis Festival of the Performing Arts  
2013 - North York music Festival  
2012 - Rotary Burlington Music Festival  
2012 - American Music Guild Music Festival, Toronto  
2012 - Courtenay B.C., North Island Festival of Performing Arts,  
2012 - Courtenay B.C., Masterclass  
2012 - Ambrosia University, Calgary – Masterclass  
2012 - St. Thomas, Kiwanis Music Festival, Guitar and Strings adjudicator  
2012 - Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival,  
2010 - University of Calgary – Masterclass  
2010 - Ambrosia University, Calgary – Masterclass  
2010 - Walkerton Rotary Music Festival  
2010 - Midland Y Music Festival  
2009 - Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival

2008 - The Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival  
2007 - K.W. Kiwanis Music Festival  
2006 - Norfolk Music Festival

### **The Guitar Society of Brantford (Not for Profit Corporation)**

2010 - Present

Founder and Artistic Director, Director of Community Orchestras, Fundraiser, Education and Outreach Director. Responsible for all aspects of the following seven programmes.

#### **1) International Concert Series**

Presenting the best performers from around the world

2017, May 24, Marko Feri, Slovenia  
2017, Jan 21, Steve Cowan, (Canada)  
2016, Nov. 4, Henderson Kolk Duo (Canada)  
2016, March 4, David Leisner, (USA)  
2016, January 15, Paulo Martelli (Brazil)  
2015, Nov 20, Thomas Viloteau (France)  
2015, March 29, Drew Henderson, (Canada)  
2015, Feb 27, SoloDuo (Italy)  
2014, Nov 21, Anton Baronov (Russia) GFA Winner 2013  
2014, Sept 14, The Amadeus Duo, (Germany)  
2014, August 17, Francisco Bernier, (Spain)  
2014, Jan 26, Ana Vidovic (Croatia)  
2013, Nov 22, Rovshan Mamedkuliev (Russia) GFA Winner 2012  
2013, Sept 29, Isaac Bustos, (Texas)  
2013, August 17, Marko Feri (Italy) “Weekend Guitar Orchestra Workshop”  
2013, August 16, Patrick Kearney (Montreal), “Weekend Guitar Orchestra Workshop”  
2013, August 16, Jeffrey McFadden (Toronto), “Weekend Guitar Orchestra Workshop”  
2013, March 4, Jose Antonio Escobar (Chile)  
2013, Feb, 8 Fabio Zanon (Brazil)  
2012, Nov 16, Vladimir Gorbach, (Russia) GFA 2011, First place performer  
2012, Sept 19, Matt Palmer (Texas)  
2012, April 29, Michael Kolk (Canada) Fundraising concert, Brantford Kiwanis Music Festival  
2012, Feb 5, Tracy Smith, Emma Rush, Eva Beneke (Canada, Germany, USA)  
2011, Nov 20, Johannes Moller (Sweden) GFA Winner 2010  
2011, Aug 29, Francisco Bernier (Spain)  
2011, Mar 27, Duo Resonance (Ontario)  
2011, Feb 20, SoloDuo: Matteo Mela, Lorenzo Micheli (Italy)  
2011, Jan 30, East West Duo (Alberta, Ontario), Brad Mahon, Patrick Feely  
2010, Oct 31, Arash Norri, Alan Pawlowicz (Yale)

2010, Sept 26, Duo Feely, and Emma Rush (Canada)

2010, Aug 23, Marko Feri, (Italy)

## **2) Rising Stars Performing Arts Series**

Free community concerts with DMA Candidates, Masters of Music and Undergraduate students. In partnership with the Brantford Public Library, The University of Toronto, McMaster University and the University of Ottawa.

2017, April 8, Leonardo Munoz, Adam Batestone

2017, April 1, Brent Crawford, Adam Cicchillitti

2016, Graham, Banfield (USA), Kristian Del Cantero, James Renwick

2015, Feb 21, James Renwick, David Guillemaud

2015, Feb 14, Altius Duo – Chad Yacobucci, Adam Batstone

2014, March 23, Shawn Pickup, Silas Chinsen

2014, March 16, Altius Duo - Chad Yacobucci, Adam Batstone

2013, March 17, Silas Chinsen, Nathan Godfree, James Renwick

2013, March 10, Brent Crawford, Shawn Pickup

2013, March 3, Tariq Harb, John Testar

## **3) Community Orchestra Concert Series**

Responsible for recruitment, programming, and conducting the society's four community ensembles.

2016, Dec 10, Christmas recital, Glenhyrst Gallery of Brant

2016, May, in partnership with The Brantford Public library

2015, Dec 10, Christmas recital, Glenhyrst Gallery of Brant

2015, March 1, in partnership with Suzuki School of Brantford

2014, Dec 7, Christmas recital, Glenhyrst Gallery of Brant

2014, Nov 16, LaSalle Park Retirement Community Burlington

2014, April 27, Brantford Kiwanis Music Competition, first place

2014, May 17, in partnership with Suzuki School of Brantford

2013, Dec 7, Sanderson Center for the Performing Arts; with the California Guitar Trio and the Montreal Guitar Trio, world premiere of "Challenging the Oracle" by Alan Shoesmith

2013, August 18, Laurier University, three day workshop, conducted by Jan Bartlema (Holland)

2013, May 3, Brantford Kiwanis "Stars of the Festival Wrap up Concert"

2013, April 29, "Brantford Kiwanis Music Festival", first prize "ensembles category"

2012, June 10, GSB Community Orchestra

2011, Dec 11, "Christmas Concert" at Laurier University Brantford, curriculum fundraiser

2011, June 12, GSB Community Orchestra

## **Toronto Guitar Congress - in partnership with the University of Toronto**

2013-present

Responsible for creating and organizing the all-day event for high school educators and their ensembles, in partnership with Sr. Lecturer in Guitar, Dr. Jeffrey McFadden and the University of Toronto. Ensembles perform for each other, receive coaching, discuss the future of guitar education in schools and perform en masse before the U of T guitar orchestra evening concert.

### **4) Junior Outreach Program**

providing live music for community organizations with young aspiring guitarists.

2014, Dec 17, Brant Historical Society, performer - Kristian DelCantero

2014, Nov 21, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant – Kristian DelCantero

2014, Nov 14, Brant Tale Tellers Association, Kristian DelCantero

2013, Dec 17, Brant Historical Society, performer - Kristian DelCantero

2013 May 15, Brant Tale Tellers organization, performer - Kristian DelCantero

2012, Nov 22, YMCA Canada Peace Medal Ceremony, performer - Nathan Godfree

2012, Oct 8, Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee medal ceremony, performer - Nathan Godfree

2011, Feb 12, Aberdeen Health Services, fundraiser, performers “Senior Guitar Quartet”

### **5) Community Outreach Concert Series**

presenting free recitals in schools and community organizations

#### **Performer**

Silas Chinsen, 2013-2017 (University of Ottawa)

2014, April 21, Brantford Collegiate Institute

2014, April 20, Simcoe Composite High School

2014, April 14, Woodstock Secondary High School

2014, April 11, 14, 20, 21, Paris District High school

**Performer** - Silas Chinsen (Brantford)

2013, April 21, Brantford Collegiate Institute

2013, April 20, Simcoe Composite High School

2013, April 14, Woodstock Secondary High School

2013, April 1, Paris District High school

**Performers** - East West Guitar Duo; (Dr. Brad Mahon and Patrick Feely)

2012, March 9, Brantford Collegiate Institute

2012, March 9, St Johns High School

2012 March 10, Steadman's Community Hospice

2012 March 10, Braemar House Private School

### **6) Fundraising**

Lead grant applicant and writer of the following successful grants applications

## **2016**

\$3600, City of Brantford Cultural Innovation Grant

## **2015**

\$5000, City of Brantford Cultural Innovation Grant

\$1800, City of Brantford Grant Program

## **2014**

\$2500, City of Brantford Cultural Innovation Grant for operating costs

\$1000, D'Addario Foundation, monies allocated for guitar education for underprivileged youth.

\$500, D'Addario Foundation, \$500 in kind donation, used to purchase capos and strings.

## **2013**

\$5000, City of Brantford Cultural Innovation Grant, Monies used for start-up costs.

\$3500, City of Brantford Grant Program, "Guitar Orchestra Weekend Workshop"

Monies used to present a three day workshop and concert series for guitar orchestras.

Clinicians, performers, composer and conductor from across Canada and Europe.

\$1000, D'Addario Foundation in kind donation, used to purchase strings and tuners.

## **2012**

\$5000, City of Brantford Grants Program. Monies used to provide an outreach concert series in high schools, hospices, hospitals and School for the Blind.

\$9000, City Brantford Grants Program, Monies used to purchase a "Lending Library" of instruments, music stands, uniforms and sheet music.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

2016 – Dec 7, *Has Classroom Guitar Education Come of Age?*

Guitar Curriculum.com Publication

2014 - July 7, "*Community Guitar Orchestras*" Guitar Curriculum.com Publication

2009 - External reviewer for the 2011, eleven volume publication

R.C.M. Guitar Series, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, "*BRIDGES*" published by Frederick Harris Music Co.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

2017, July 20-22, Austin Classical Guitar Society, Cleveland Summer Teacher Training Workshop.

2016 - Presented alongside three other panelists at the Glenhyrst Gallery of Brant's "Big Night Out". The event was part of *Culture Days in Ontario*. I discussed the benefits of intergenerational community music making via the guitar and performed *Flow My Tears* by Renaissance lutenist John Dowland.

2011 - September 19, Richmond Hill, Cosmo Music - Presentation for Frederick Harris Publishing outlining the new syllabus, technique book, and eleven volumes of the RCM guitar series "*BRIDGES*".

2011- September 19, Richmond Hill, Cosmo Music - Presentation for Royal Conservatory of Music Examinations. Topic: "*Practical Guitar Examinations; From the Examiners Perspective*"

## **PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

2017, Via Rail Tour, round trip from Toronto to Vancouver with *Duo Feely*

2016, Via Rail Tour, round trip from Montreal to Halifax with *Duo Feely*

2016, Guitar Hamilton Fund Raising Concert

2016 The Brantford Symphony Orchestra, (Philip Sarabura conducting) Vivaldi RV 95, Concerto in Re maggiore per liuto, due violini e basso continuo

2014, Via Rail Tour, round trip from Toronto to Vancouver.

2014, Nov 16, LaSalle Park Retirement Community Burlington

2012, April, East West Guitar Duo "Artists in residence" for The Guitar Society of Brantford, five outreach concerts at: Brantford Collegiate Institute, St. John's High School W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind, Stedman Community Hospice, Laurie University Brantford

2012, Jan. E-W Guitar Duo, North Island Festival of Performing Arts, Courtenay, B.C.

2011, Jan. solo - Friends of Guitar Festival, Brantford, ON

2011, Feb. solo - McMaster University Lunch Time Visiting Artist Series, Hamilton, ON

2011, Mar. E-W Guitar Duo, W. Ross McDonald School For the Blind, Brantford, ON

2010, Oct, "The East West Guitar Duo", Calgary, Mt. Royal University,

2010, Oct, "The East West Guitar Duo", Calgary, Ambrosia University

2010, Nov, Soloist with the McMaster Symphony Orchestra, "Concerto del Sur" by M. Ponce

2010, Sept. solo, Friends of the Guitar Festival, Brantford,

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

### **Sauble Beach Guitar Festival**

2009 - Present

Director of Education and Outreach. Duties include, creating, sustaining, overseeing and teaching the festivals outreach initiatives, including the Junior and Senior Community Ensembles and Outreach Concert Series.

### **Guitar Society of Toronto**

2008 - 2015

Chairman of the Education and Outreach Committee

Duties include creating, sustaining and overseeing the society's six outreach programs listed below.

#### **1) The Student Recital Series**

Responsible for organizing yearly student recitals for four age demographics.

## **2) The Kenneth G. Mills Outreach Residency and Concert Series**

Responsible for organizing free guitar concerts in GTA schools with masters and Doctoral students from the University of Toronto.

2015, Altius Duo, 5 performances in GTA schools

2014, May 26, Performer - John Testar, Indian Road Public School

2014, May 21, Performer - Shawn Pickup, Bramalea Secondary School

2014, May 16, Performers - Altius Duo, St. John the Evangelist Elementary School

2014, May 6, Performer - John Testar, Arnott Charlton Public School

2013, Oct. Performers - Altius Duo, Georges Vanier S.S.

2008-12, various other concerts in GTA schools

## **3) The Guitar Society of Toronto Community Orchestra**

Responsible for establishing the orchestra program, hiring a Conductor, overseeing the curricular and repertoire selection and presentation of concerts.

## **4) The Pre-Concert Junior Performers Programme**

Responsible for selecting promising GTA students to perform before each of the society's international concert series.

## **5) The Urban Outreach Programme**

Responsible for distributing free concert tickets to deserving youth. The Regent Park School of Music, Children's Aid Society, Canadian Mental Health Association

## **Brantford Kiwanis Music Festival Board of Directors**

2002 - Present; Discipline Head

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

### **Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association, Brantford Branch**

2012 – present; Vice-President

### **Canadian Music Festival Adjudicators Association**

2010-Present

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Dr. Jeffrey McFadden, Senior Lecturer in Guitar, University of Toronto

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