

RESUME FOR RALPH V BOEHM

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Strong teaching background spanning over 50 years.

Private teaching experience includes violin, viola and cello including group and individual lessons and chamber classes. Different instruction levels range from beginning levels through college and includes adults and children from ages 7 to 18 and college age students.

Public School teaching experience includes elementary level violin, viola, cello and bass classes through middle and advanced instrumental level performance at the high school, including solo, small groups, as well as symphonic levels of instruction. Mr. Boehm has studied with renowned instructors including: Ray Montoni at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Berl Senofsky at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and at the Academy of the West in Santa Barbara and with Mr. Andor Toth at Texas University in Austin.

Strong performance background spanning more than 60 years.

Active Professional Violinist performing at many DC based embassies and officer clubs. Major orchestra shows including solo and group performances on TV. Concertmaster experience in every level of orchestra from elementary school through University and beyond.

Teaching Experience:

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| 1965 | Began teaching private violin and viola |
| 1968-70 | University of Texas teaching fellowship |
| 1970 Summer | DC Youth Orchestra 2 nd Violin Instructor at three week International Orchestra Festival in St. Moritz, Switzerland |

- 1970 – 1976** Private Violin and Viola Instructor
Fairfax Public Schools Elementary Orchestra Teacher
DC Youth Summer Orchestra Teacher. 2nd Violin Section leader during school year. During Summers taught a summer program that Included 6 weeks of instruction for about 20 students in four-hour classes each weekday. At the end of this period students progressed from beginning level to 3rd year level of performance.
- 1977-2012** Manassas City Public Schools High School Orchestra Director and Teacher
Private Violin and Viola Teacher
- 2009-2016** Manassas City Music and Arts Violin, Viola and Cello Teacher
- 2017-2018** Manassas City Public Schools Osbourn High School Emergency Shortage Orchestra Teacher

Professional Summary: Professional violinist. Mr. Boehm has performed throughout the Washington Metropolitan area for special and private corporate and government sponsored events. Established Symphony to Go in 1992. Symphony To Go is a music contracting organization that provides professional musicians with the opportunity to perform throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Many of Mr. Boehm’s former Osbourn High School orchestra students and former private violin, viola, cello and bass students are now performing in major orchestras throughout the country.

Performance Honor: Summer of 2007 served as Concertmaster in 130-piece alumni orchestra for the DC. Youth Orchestra tribute to Mr. Lyn McLain, former director of the DC Youth Orchestra Program at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall to honor his retirement from the DC Public Schools and his distinguished 38 years of service to the orchestra parents and students in the DC and surrounding community.

Orchestra Scholarship: Auditioned and received full scholarship to represent the DC Musicians Union’s Chapter from the section leaders and conductor of the National Symphony during the Summer of 1964. Attended a six weeks intensive music study with the Congress of Strings at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Studied privately with some of the most prestigious violin and orchestra teachers and conductors in the nation.

Teaching Fellowship: 1968 – 1970. Texas University at Austin teaching fellowship. Taught private violin and viola lessons in Austin Public Schools as well as at Texas University at Austin.

Public School Experience: 1970 - 76 Fairfax Public Schools Elementary Orchestra Teacher

1977 - 2012 Manassas City Public School's Elementary,
Intermediate, Middle and High School Orchestra Director and Teacher

2017 – 2018 Manassas City Public School's Emergency Shortage
Orchestra Director at Osbourn High School

Taught instrumental music in Manassas City Public Schools for 36 years:

1977-2012 and 2017-present:

1977-2012 1st Orchestra Director at OHS

1992-2004 1st Orchestra Director at Metz Middle School

2000-2012 1st Orchestra Director at Mayfield Intermediate School

**1977-1992 Taught 5th and 6th grade string classes in every elementary school
in Manassas City**

1992 Prevented orchestra from being eliminated from next year's budget

**2000 Wrote and received \$25,000 grant from Manassas City Foundation
to combine technology with music. Donated computer equipment
and software to Choir Department to help create and establish
OHS Music Theory Class.**

**2002 Instrumental and responsible for the creation of and inclusion of
an orchestra room in building plans for new OHS. Previously
taught orchestra on OHS stage for 25 years between 1977-2002**

**2004 Instrumental in keeping favorable fine arts schedule at Metz
Middle School**

2008 Pioneered and wrote syllabus for guitar department in OHS

**2009 Provided an instruction room and storage, as well as office space
for guitar department and instructor by sharing OHS orchestra
room with the Guitar Department**

2012-2017 Retired from MCPS

2017-2018 Returned to Osbourn High School as full time Orchestra Director. Services provided: brought student performance level up to higher standards, improved maintenance and needed upgrade of instruments and equipment. Brought file system back to usable levels as well as upgraded student instrument inventory.

Spring 2018 Unsuccessfully attempted to prevent Manassas City Public School Board and Superintendent from reducing choir, band and orchestra 6th grade classes from every day to 2 times a week

2012-2019 Writing a book for string teachers and students on how to improve teaching and student performance skills and techniques