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## EDUCATION

- 1990                    **A.R.C.T.**  
*Violin - Teacher*
- 1988                    **Bachelor of Music**  
*General Music Studies, Violin*  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1988                    **A.R.C.T.**  
*Violin - Performer*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 to Present        **Victoria Conservatory of Music**, Victoria, B.C.  
*Private & Group Violin/Fiddle Instructor*
- 2009 to Present        **Amati String Studio**, Victoria, B.C.  
*Private instruction in Violin and Viola*
- 1994 to Present        **Sizzlers Fiddle Group**, Vancouver, B.C.  
*Director*
- Beginner to Advanced Fiddle Groups
  - Mixed ages groups, ages 6 to 16 years
  - Celtic, Fiddle and Klezmer music set with choreography
  - Full Production of two professional fiddle CDs:  
*'Take One: Fiddlesticks'* 2006 and *'Take Two: Fiddleschticks'* 2007
  - Benefit concerts for local charities 1994 to 2009
  - Granville Island, busking performances 1994 to Present
  - East Coast Tour (Nova Scotia, PEI, Cape Breton), August 2007
  - Nanaimo, Duncan and Victoria Tour, May 2006
  - Tour of Ottawa & Montreal, May 2005
  - Victoria and Vancouver Island Tour, May 2004
  - Chutzpah Festival, Vancouver, February 2003
  - Calgary School District Tour, May 2003
  - Cityfest Performance, Vancouver, B.C., May 1997
  - Performances as Buskers in Victoria, B.C., May 1996
  - Variety Club Telethon Performance, February 1996
  - NHL Allstar Hockey Game Performance, Vancouver March 1996
  - Community Centre Performances, Vancouver area 1996 to 2009
- 1998 to 2011            **RCM Examinations, College of Examiners**, Toronto  
*String Examiner*
- 1997 to 2009            **Amati String Studio**, Vancouver, B.C.  
*Owner and Director*
- School offered instruction in violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar and music theory.
  - Traditional, RCM and Suzuki methods
  - Planning, Administration and Public Relations for 8-16 teaching staff and 200 to 300 students in any given year. Includes private and group instruction, student concerts, recitals, special events
  - Year-long and Summer programs for students ages 3 years to adult
  - Private instruction of 40-60 students within the school at all levels beginner to

- university entrance
- Student achievements include more than 10 RCM Provincial Silver Medals in string examinations

1996 to 1999

**Collage-Canadian Music Festival**, Vancouver, B.C.

*Founder/Co-ordinator*

- Non-competitive student festival featuring local adjudicators.
- Promotion of Canadian music and Canadian composers.

1989 to 1997

**Levinson Studio**, Vancouver, B.C.

*Director*

- Self-employed violin, viola and music theory/history teacher full-time of 50-60 students ages three years to adult combining Suzuki and reading methods at all levels.
- Summer chamber music program for elementary school students at the Beginner to Intermediate level. (1991 - 1993)
- "Suzuki Sizzlers" Co-ordinator: Suzuki based performance group; regular rehearsals and concert schedule; Intense one-week summer sessions.
- Summer Chamber Music program for intermediate level Secondary School Students. (1993 - 1997)
- Weekly technique, group, and Master classes at all levels (grades I-VIII RCMT)

1990 to 1996

**Byng Area String Program**, Vancouver, B.C.

*Contract Work - String Clinician for School String Program*

*Beginner to Advanced Levels grades 4 to 12*

Queen Mary Elementary, Vancouver, B.C.

Grades 4 to 7.

Team teaching and private coach for violin, viola and cello at all levels.

Lord Byng Secondary, Vancouver, B.C.

Grades 8 to 12

String Chamber Music Coach at Intermediate and Advanced Levels.

Teaching high school Beginner violin and viola students.

Northwest Orchestra Festival, Portland, Oregon

*Strings Coach & Chaperone*

Lord Byng Secondary School, March 1996.

Lord Byng Secondary School, April 1994.

Queen Mary Elementary School, April 1993.

Queen Mary Elementary School & Lord Byng Secondary, April 1992.

Queen Mary Elementary School, April 1991.

School Exchange

*Strings Coach & Chaperone*

Lisgar Collegiate School & Lord Byng Secondary, Ottawa Exchange, May 1993.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 1999                    **Professional Development workshop** (November)  
RCM Examinations, Toronto, Ontario
- 1999                    **B.C. Bluegrass Festival Workshop** (August)  
Sorrento, B.C.
- 1998                    **International String Teachers Workshop** (July)  
**Suzuki Level 1-5 Overview with Rhonda Cole**  
Biarritz, France
- 1997                    **"Sit-in" Examiner in Training** (January, June and August)  
Under the direction of Elfreda Gleam and Marena Smith, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1996                    **Examiner's Training - Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto**  
Step one of examiner's certification for National String Exams  
Under direction of Andrew Markow and James Lawless
- 1996                    **Workshop for Violin Teachers** (January)  
Sponsored by Frederick Harris Publishing  
New Publications of Canadian Violin Music  
Presented by Dr. Robert Skelton, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1996                    **RCMT Workshop for Violin Teachers** (January)  
New syllabus and examining techniques  
Presented by Dr. Robert Skelton, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1993                    **Teaching Violin to Children** (July)  
Mimi Zweig, Director  
String Academy of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1993                    **Workshop for Violin Teachers** (November)  
Sponsored by Frederick Harris Publishing & Toronto Conservatory of Music  
Vancouver, B.C.
- 1988                    **Orff Teacher Training - Beginner Certificate**  
Ann Golden-Fisher, Director  
Vancouver Academy of Music

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 1998 to 2011            **National Examining Board of Canada, Member, College of Examiners**
- 1993 to Present        **B.C. Registered Music Teacher Association (BCRMTA)**  
President, Vancouver 2000-2002  
Vice President, Vancouver 1998 to 2000  
Recital Coordinator 1997 to 1999  
Member 1993 to Present
- 1996 to 1999            **ARCT Alumni, Vancouver, President - May 1996 to 1999**
- 1997 to 2006            **American String Teacher Association (ASTA)**

## **VIOLIN AND TEACHER TRAINING INSTRUCTORS**

**Gwen Thompson**, teacher and coach for ARCT Teacher written and practical examinations

**Murray Adaskin**, Victoria Conservatory of Music

**Andrew Dawes**, worked in cooperation while teaching gifted children, Vancouver BC

**Lorand Fenyves and Thomas Rolston**, Banff School of Fine Arts, as auditor with gifted student, age 6 years.

**Paul Kling**, University of Victoria

**John Loban**, University of British Columbia

**Dana Mazurkevich**, Johannesson International School of the Arts, Victoria BC

**Jeffrey Michaels**, private study after University, Vancouver BC