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EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts, Rice University

Major: Piano performance

Performance Certificate, Academia Marshall/Granados, Barcelona, Spain

Teacher: Alicia de Larrocha

Master of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music

Major: Piano performance

Bachelor of Arts in Music, Santa Clara University

Major: Piano performance

Teacher Certification

Secondary Education in Music, San José State University

WORK HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Music, Director of Keyboard Studies, Director of Institute of Latin American Music Studies (ILAMS), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, August 2004-present

- Prepared and revised Undergraduate and Graduate degree piano curriculum for NASM accreditation
- Helped procure \$80,000+ in endowed piano scholarships in 2010
- Creator and Director of *Festival Inspiración 2011*, a 6-Day Latin American Arts Festival (<http://www.shsu.edu/~music/festival/>)
 - Artists included 2008 National Medal of Arts winner Jesús Moroles, sculptor, Danilo Pérez, musician, Luís Marín, musician, Adelina Moya, painter
 - Sponsors included Goya Foods, Yamaha, American Airlines and many others
 - Budget of \$77,000+ was acquired from internal and external sources
 - The festival was a joint collaboration of faculty and students from all six colleges at SHSU

- Festival Inspiración included community organizations and lecturers from the local and region, such as League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the Wynne Fine Arts Home
- Built and recruited an active international piano area
 - Increased piano major enrollment 500%
 - Graduate students from Columbia, Romania, Japan, U.S.A
 - Undergraduate students from China, Spain, Romania, México, South Korea, Russia, U.S.A.
- Increased enrollment 200% for the summer SHSU Piano Camp
- Students have won national, state piano competitions and gained entrance to music schools such as Eastman School of Music and Rice University
- Performed and adjudicated in various local, national, and international venues
- Developed and implemented a *Piano Scholarship Artist Series* for the University and community
 - Acquired Steinway artists to perform and present masterclasses
- Taught applied and class piano
- Oversaw accompanying assignments
- Advisor for all piano/keyboard majors
- Proposed and implemented acquisition and restoration projects
- Supervised annual piano maintenance contract for School of Music. The piano inventory value is approximately \$1.3M.

Committees/Service

- Appointed to the Presidential search committee by the Texas State University Board of Regents.
 - One of six professors university-wide appointed to serve
- Engaged Scholars Committee
 - This committee was directly responsible for receiving the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Community Engagement Classification for the university
 - The committee consisted of members from each college at SHSU. I represented the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.
- Presidential Investiture committee
- Academic Review Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Graduate Council
- Faculty search committees
- Faculty sponsor for the Music Teachers National Association 2006 and 2007 state competitions

Artistic Director, *Música: Esperanza de Vida*-National Youth Orchestra and Piano Program, León, Guanajuato, México, 2007-2009

- Established three centers in León, México
- Advisor to implement curriculum, train teachers
- Oversee classes given by SHSU students

- Provide masterclasses for high-risk children of León
- Undergraduate and graduate students accompany me to teach classes to youth

Artist Faculty

- **Interlochen Center for the Arts**, Interlochen, Michigan Summers 2009-present
- **American Festival for the Arts**, Houston, Texas Summers 2006-2008

Head of Music Program and Assistant Professor of Music, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 2002-2004

- Developed and implemented *Concert Artist Series* and the *Concert Artist Series Fund*
- Served as Musical Director to several musicals such as *The Sound of Music*, *Grease*, *The Music Man*
- Advised music majors and the SR Music Club
- Taught applied and class piano, music education, theory, history and literature courses
- Established recruiting programs, increasing enrollment of Music Majors and Minors

RESEARCH and GRANT ACTIVITIES

- City of Huntsville Grant \$25,000 (2010)
 - To fund Festival Inspiración
- Huntsville Arts Commission Grant \$3,000 (2010)
 - To fund Festival Inspiración
- ***Under contract***, preparing an edition of several chamber music works of Enrique Granados.
 - Publishing house: *Editorial de Música Boileau* in Barcelona, Spain. Manuscript project completion date: June 2011
- **León Music Project.**
 - Developed a \$2M grant proposal which is currently being submitted for a music outreach program for underprivileged children in León, Guanajuato México. Sponsored through a partnership between *Grupo León* and Sam Houston State University.

AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- **2011 Faculty Excellence in Service**, Sam Houston State University, Texas
 - This award comes with a \$5000 stipend. One must be nominated by a colleague to be invited to apply for the award. Once invited, a portfolio is submitted to a committee of professors for review. The committee has representatives from each of the six colleges at SHSU.
- **2009 Collegiate Teacher of the Year**, Texas Music Teacher's Association

- **Wagoner Fellowship**, Rice University, Houston, Texas
 - Provided the opportunity to study with Alicia Delarocha in Barcelona, Spain.

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

Solo—International

- **Centro Sinfónico Nacional (National Symphonic Center)**, Invited guest artist for *Festival del Sol 2010* (Festival of the Sun), La Paz, Bolivia, Maestro Fredy Céspedes, August 2010
- **Centro Sinfónico Nacional**, La Paz, Bolivia, *Rhapsody in Blue* with Maestro Fredy Céspedes, February 25, 2010
- **Alcaldía Municipal de El Alto**, El Alto, Bolivia, *Rhapsody in Blue* with Maestro Fredy Céspedes, February 23, 2010
- **Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila**, Saltillo, Mexico, Nov. 18, 2008
- **Auditorio Jorge Ibarguengoitia**, Forum Cultural Guanajuato, León México, May 17, 2007.
- **Auditorio Las Cámaras**, Quito, Ecuador, November 24, 2002
- **Auditorio Franz Liszt**, Conservatorio Franz Liszt, Quito, Ecuador, May 20, 2002

Solo—National

- **Westside Houston Piano Recital Series**, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas, November 2, 2008
- **McNeese State University**, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Oct. 25, 2008
- **Southeastern University**, Lakeland, Florida, Oct. 20, 2008
- **Autumn Artist Festival**, Bay Area Music Teachers Association, Baytown, Texas, October 19, 2007
- **Westside Houston Piano Recital Series**, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas, November 13, 2005
- **Broadcast performance**, Television Cablecast on Houston Mediasource, TimeWarner Cable Channel 17, TVMAX Channel 95, and Cebridge Channel 98. Concert was recorded live from Nov. 13 concert, Dec. 17 and 26, 2005
- **Live Radio Interview and mini-concert**, KUHF 88.7 *The Front Row with Dean Dalton*, Houston, TX, May 2004

- **Westside Houston Piano Recital Series**, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas, May 2004
- **Rice University**, Presidential Concert, Houston, Texas, May 2004
- **Abilene Christian University**, Abilene, Texas, April 2004

Collaborative—International

- **Auditorio Mateo Herrera**, Forum Cultural Guanajuato, León México, January 2011
- **Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Escuela Superior**, Saltillo, México January 2011
- **U.S. Embassy, Ambassadors Residence** for an international delegation in La Paz, Bolivia, August 2010
- **Centro Sinfónico**, La Paz, Bolivia, Beethoven *Triple Concerto* with Maestro Fredy Céspedes, August 2010
- **Centro Sinfónico**, La Paz, Bolivia, February 2010
- **Museo de Arte Moderno**, Cuenca, Ecuador, with the *Kolonneh String Quartet*, May 28, 2009

Collaborative—National

- **Chamber Performance, Interlochen Center for the Arts**, Interlochen, Michigan, July 2010
- **Summer Burrows-Getz foundation concert series**, Interlochen, Michigan, July 2010
- **Live Radio Interview and mini-concert**, KUHF 88.7 FM *The Front Row*, Houston, Texas, live broadcast with Jennifer Stevenson, clarinet, July 6, 2007

WORKSHOPS/ADJUDICATIONS/MASTERCLASSES

International

- **Masterclass**, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo, Mexico, January 2011
- **Masterclass**, Centro Sinfónico Nacional, La Paz Bolivia, August 2010
- **Masterclass**, Centro Sinfónico Nacional, La Paz Bolivia, February 2010

- **Masterclass**, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo, Mexico, Nov. 19, 2008
- **Masterclass**, Taipei, Taiwan, International Piano Performance Evaluations Committee, July-August 2005
- **Adjudicator**, Taipei, Taiwan, International Piano Performance Evaluations Committee, July-August 2005
- **Adjudicator**, National Piano Competition, Quito, Ecuador, May 2003
- **Masterclass**, Conservatorio Franz Liszt, Quito, Ecuador, May 2003
- **Masterclass**, Conservatorio Franz Liszt, Quito, Ecuador, Nov. 2002
- **Masterclass**, Conservatorio Franz Liszt, Quito, Ecuador, May 2002

National

- **Masterclass**, Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida, Oct. 21, 2008
- **Workshop**, *The Three Stylistic Periods of Enrique Granados*, Clear Lake, Texas, Oct. 17, 2007.
- **Masterclass**, Bay Area Music Teachers Association, Clear Lake, Texas, Oct. 20, 2007.

SERVICE

Adjudication and Recruiting

- **Masterclass**, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas, Nov. 7, 2008
- **Masterclass**, High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA), Houston, Texas, Oct. 30, 2008
- **Adjudicator**, Pasadena Music Teacher Association Concerto Competition, San Jacinto Community College, Pasadena, Texas, Dec. 15, 2007
- **Adjudicator**, Beryl Baty Scholarship Auditions, College Station, Texas, Apr. 21, 2007
- **Adjudicator**, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacagdoches, Texas, Apr. 27, 2007
- **Masterclass**, Katy Music Teachers Association, Katy, Texas, Feb. 7, 2007
- **Masterclass**, Harrison-Farmington Hills High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills, Michigan, April 11, 2006
- **Masterclass**, Cypress Creek Music Teachers Association, Spring TX, Nov. 2006.
- **Adjudicator**, Bay Area Young Artist Competition, Bay Area MTA, Clear Lake, Texas, May 7, 2005
- **Adjudicator**, Brazos Valley Music Teachers Association, College Station, Beryl

- Baty Scholarship Audition, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, April 16, 2005
- **Adjudicator**, Montgomery College Music Teachers Association Spring Evaluations, Conroe, Texas, April 23, 2005
 - **Adjudicator**, Betty Clampitt Piano Contest, Conroe Music Teachers Association, Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Woodlands, Texas, April 9, 2005
 - **Adjudicator**, Cypress Creek Music Teachers Association Spring Piano Competition, The Centrum, Spring, Texas, February 19, 2005
 - **Chamber Music Clinic**, HSPVA at Booker T. Washington, Dallas, Texas, November 18, 2004

Performances—Solo and Collaborative

Solo

- **Bentwater Women’s Organization**, Bentwater, Texas, Nov. 8, 2008
- **High School for the Performing and Visual Arts**, Houston, Texas, Oct. 30, 2008
- **Soloist with SHSU Symphony Orchestra**, Carol Smith, Director, Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue*, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, October 2006
- **Sam Houston State University**, Faculty Gala, Huntsville, TX, September 2006
- **Montgomery College**, The Woodlands, Texas, November 2005
- **Conroe Music Teachers Association**, The Woodlands, Texas, November 2005
- **Sam Houston State University**, Recital Hall, Huntsville, Texas, November 2005
- **Soloist with SHSU Symphony Orchestra**, Carol Smith, Director, Fine Arts Education Day and Conroe Service League, Rachmaninov’s *Second Piano Concerto*, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, TX, March 2005
- **Soloist with SHSU Symphony Orchestra**, Carol Smith, Director, Rachmaninov’s *Second Piano Concerto*, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, March 2005
- **Sanderson Arts Alliance**, Sanderson, Texas, April 2004
- **Sul Ross State University**, Marshall Hall, Alpine, Texas, April 2004

Collaborative

- **Sam Houston State University**, with Patricia Card, clarinet, Huntsville, Texas, March 20, 2007
- **Pipe Dreams Concert Series**, with Patricia Card, clarinet The Centrum, Spring, Texas, March 9, 2007
- **Sam Houston State University**, with Scott Plugge, saxophone, November 2006
- **Sam Houston State University**, with Peggy DeMers, horn, October 2006
- **Sam Houston State University**, SHSU Trio, with Andrew Wilson and Melisa Rose, Huntsville, TX, May 2006
- **Contemporary Music Festival** at SHSU with Scott Plugge, Premier Randy Partain’s *Skatoma*, April 2006
- **Sam Houston State University**, with Andrew Wilson, Huntsville, TX, March 2006
- **Robertson’s Violin Shop**, with Andrew Wilson, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006
- **Houston Masterworks Chorus** “Celebrate Romance”, with Allen Hightower, conductor, The Centrum, Spring, TX, February 2006

- **High School for the Performing and Visual Arts**, with Andrew Wilson (violin), Dallas, Texas, November 18, 2004
- **High School for the Performing and Visual Arts**, with Andrew Wilson (violin), Houston, Texas, October 22, 2004
- **Sam Houston State** University, with Andrew Wilson (violin), Recital Hall, Huntsville, Texas, October 26, 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National

- Music Teachers National Association
- College Music Society

State

- Texas Music Teachers Association
- Conroe Music Teachers Association