


Joseph Swift

Bassoonist / Educator / Curator

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AWARDS

2019 - Plowman
Chamber Music Competition
Finalist, Honorable Mention

2018 - Fischhoff National
Chamber Music Competition
Silver Medalist - 2018

2017 - Dale & Nancy Briggs
Chamber Music Competition
Wind Division Winner

2014 - Western Michigan
University Concerto Competition
Grand Finalist, Winner

EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts
Bassoon Performance
Stony Brook University, NY
2019 - 2023

Master of Music
Bassoon Performance &
Chamber Music
University of Michigan, MI
2015 - 2017

Bachelor of Arts
Music Performance:
Instrumental
Western Michigan University, MI
2011 - 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Swift Bassoon Studio 2011 - present
MI, NY, NJ, MO, OH, CT

- Grow private bassoon studio presence in the states of Michigan and New Jersey through instrument conversions, in person presentations and recruiting
- Provide clinics for bassoon, chamber ensembles and wind sectionals at high school and collegiate level
- Guest masterclass presentations at universities throughout the US

Bassoon Faculty 2022 - present
Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts; Berkley Heights, NJ

- Lead recruiting efforts to grow bassoon program for the Performing Arts School and New Jersey Youth Symphony
- Adjudicate auditions for bassoon, oboe and clarinet students

Bassoon Instructor 2022 - present
Lyndhurst Summer Music; Lyndhurst, NJ

- Provide bassoon lessons for high and middle school bassoonists
- Work with new bassoonists converting from other instruments

Teaching Assistant 2019 - 2021
Stony Brook University; Stony Brook, NY

- Provide non-major lessons for undergraduate students
- Coach mixed undergraduate chamber ensembles
- Assist with supplemental theory tutoring

Woodwind Instructor 2019 - 2020
InterSchool Orchestras of New York; New York, NY

- Bassoon & woodwind instruction across 4 youth orchestras grade 5 - 12
- Inaugural woodwind and orchestral wind training program coach
- Weekly lesson plan creation
- Review and provide feedback for weekly video assignments

Drumline Head Coach 2012 - 2019
Howell High School; Howell, MI

Lead rehearsals and supervised 20-22 students across various percussion instrument disciplines, curating a teaching staff from multiple major collegiate music programs.

- Adapted instructional approach to individual and group settings
- Created and implemented annual curriculum, modeling lesson plans around student advancement
- Organized audition day, student analysis and staff logistics