


Joseph Swift

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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 - present

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

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
Lyndhurst Summer Music; Lyndhurst, NJ

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

Private Instructor, Clinician and Presenter 2011 - present
MI, NY, NJ, MO, OH, CT

Balance freelance performances, private instruction, presentations and guest artist appearances across the Midwest and East Coast for middle school, high school and collegiate/conservatory settings.

- Teach individual lessons and chamber music coaching to students of all levels
- Provide clinics for bassoon, woodwind and wind sections for middle school, high school and collegiate students
- Guest master class and presentations for public schools and universities

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

Scholarship instructor for the Stony Brook University Music Department's music program, working primarily with undergraduate non-majors.

- 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

Provided bassoon, woodwind and wind instruction for students across all four youth orchestras ranging beginners to collegiate hopefuls, spanning grades 5 - 12.

- Weekly lesson plan creation
- Review and provide feedback for weekly video assignments
- Woodwind and orchestral wind training program coach

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