

Will Champion

Education

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	2020
Master of Music, Percussion Performance	
Manhattan School of Music, New York, NY	2018
Master of Music, Percussion Performance (incomplete)	
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	2016
Bachelor of Music, Percussion Performance	

Primary Teachers

Dr. Scott Herring	2019-2020
Professor of Percussion, University of South Carolina	
Christopher S. Lamb	2012-2018
Principal Percussion, New York Philharmonic	
Percussion Dept. Head, Manhattan School of Music	
She-e Wu	2012-2018
Professor of Percussion, Northwestern University	
Duncan Patton	
Principal Timpani, Metropolitan Opera (retired)	2016-2018
James Ross	
Chicago Symphony Orchestra	2012-2015
Rick Dior	
Professor of Percussion, University of North Carolina-Charlotte	2008-2011

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M-Commerce: Adjunct Professor	Fall 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach private weekly lessons to undergraduate and graduate students 	
Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus: Adjunct Professor	2021-2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught two private students biweekly Maintained and repaired campus timpani 	
Frisco, Allen, Princeton, Farmersville, Red Oak ISD: Private Instructor	2020-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained a private studio of 50+ students, grades 6-12 Coordinated with classroom curriculum in five different Dallas-area districts Encouraged high-performing students to apply to national competitions All lessons held online via Zoom due to COVID-19 protocols, resumed in-person in August 2021 	
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC: Graduate Assistant	2019-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught several undergraduate lessons Conducted undergraduate percussion orchestra (performance cancelled due to COVID-19) Taught Community Music School lessons, ages 5-70 Member of Spark Collective graduate outreach ensemble 	

Blythewood High School, Blythewood, SC: Percussion Instructor	2019-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught weekly and biweekly private lessons • Presented a masterclass and band sectional coachings • Front Ensemble Instructor 	
Maine West High School, Des Plaines, IL: Percussion Instructor	2018-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught weekly and biweekly private lessons • Presented masterclasses for two levels of students 	
Solo and Chamber Performances	
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX	2023
Guest artist duo recital and class	
Providence United Methodist Church	2023
Guest artist recital, percussion and organ	
Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, TX	2022
Faculty solo and chamber recital	
Dallas, TX (online release due to COVID-19)	2021
Premiered videos of Stephen Hall's <i>Aesop's Fables</i> for marimba solo	
Dallas, TX (online release due to COVID-19)	2020
Premiered video of Duncan Patton's <i>Vim</i> for percussion duo	
University of South Carolina, SC	2020
Graduate recital, multiple chamber performances	
University of South Carolina, SC	2019
Finals of Concerto Competition performance:	
Joseph Schwanter's <i>Concerto for Percussion</i> with piano	
Richland Library, SC	2019
Interactive outreach performances with the Spark Collective	
Golden Triangle Museum, IL	2017
Chamber performance, Fulcrum Point New Music Project	
Manhattan School of Music, NY	2016
Graduate Recital, multiple chamber performances	
TROMP Percussion International Competition, Eindhoven, The Netherlands	2016
Quarterfinalist in international solo competition	
Tanglewood Music Center – Festival of Contemporary Music	2016
Multiple chamber orchestra performances	
Northwestern University, IL	2015
Multiple undergraduate recitals, chamber programs	
Barrington Library, IL	2015
Solo performance as part of a chamber percussion program	
High Concept Laboratory, IL	2015
Chamber performance of Peter O'Gorman's "Serif"	
Percussive Arts Society International Convention, IL	2015
Two chamber performances, Northwestern University Percussion Ensemble, Chicago-based percussion group <i>beyond this point</i>	
Professional Performing Experience	
Kansas City Symphony, MO	2023-present
Substitute Percussion	
Dallas Symphony, TX	2022-present
Substitute Percussion	
Charlotte Symphony, NC	2016-present

Substitute Principal Timpani, Principal/Extra Percussion Ft. Worth Symphony, TX	2020-present
Substitute Percussion Chicago Philharmonic, IL	2019
Substitute Principal Percussion Civic Orchestra of Chicago, IL	2014-2019
Associate Membership, Substitute Percussion Rockford Symphony, IL	2018-2019
Substitute Principal Timpani, Substitute Percussion West Michigan Symphony, MI	2018
Substitute Percussion Northwest Indiana Symphony, IN	2019
Substitute Percussion New Haven Symphony, CT	2018
Substitute Percussion Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago, IL	2019
Substitute Principal Timpani Camerata Notturna	2017
Substitute Principal Timpani	
Honors and Competition	
Semifinalist: Principal Timpani Charlotte Symphony	2020
Finalist: Concerto and Aria Competition University of South Carolina	2020
Semifinalist: Associate Principal Percussion Kansas City Symphony	2019
Semifinalist: Principal Percussion New Haven Symphony	2017
Quarterfinalist: TROMP Percussion International Competition Eindhoven, NL	2016
Percussion Fellowship, Full Tuition Texas Music Festival (Houston)	2014, 2015
Remo, Inc Scholarship Winner PAS International Convention	2015
Semifinalist: Atlanta Modern Snare Drum Competition Atlanta Symphony Orchestra	2014
Clinics and Guest Teaching	
Chippewa Middle School, IL Solo and Ensemble Judging, Sectional Coaching	2019
Lincoln Park High School, IL Sectional Coaching	2018
Sunlake High School, FL Percussion Masterclass	2018
Porter Ridge High School, NC Front Ensemble Technician	2013
West Iredell High School, NC Drumline/Front Ensemble Technician	2013

Student Achievements

Lilly Reeves: Texas All-State Percussion, Juilliard Summer Seminar	2022-present
Sebastian Zhang: Finalist at Great Plains International Competition	2021
Mason Beltran: Texas All-State Percussion, Top Snare Drummer award -POTS International Percussion Competition	2021-present
Peter Van: Blythewood HS, SC All-Region Percussion	2020
Adam Van: Blythewood MS, SC All-State and All-Region Percussion	2020
Isabella Garcia: Rock Hill MS, SC All-State and All-Region Timpani	2020
Christopher Lee: Oakbrook HS, Accepted for BM in Percussion Performance at Lawrence University	2019
Lana Gerstmayr: Maine West MS, IL All-District Percussion	2018
