

## Education

### Texas Christian University – DMA, Doctor of Musical Arts

2015-2019

- Flute Performance with a cognate in Music History
- 2015-2018 STARS Fellowship
  - Stipend to attract remarkable students awarded by Chancellor's office
- Graduate Teaching Assistant

### Texas Christian University - Master of Music in Flute Performance

- Graduate Teaching Assistant – Flute Studio
- Flute Studies with Dr. Shauna Thompson
- Wind Symphony with Bobby Francis
- Symphony Orchestra with Dr. German Gutierrez, Miguel Harth-Bedoya
- Pi Kappa Lambda honor society member

### Tehran University - Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance

2008-2012

- Valedictorian across the college of fine arts
- Winner (First Rank) of the National University Entrance Exam in the field of Arts – 2008
  - Ranking 1 amongst 80 thousand participants
  - Presidential Medal of Artistic Achievement

## Festivals and Summer Study

### Atlantic Music Festival

2021

- Contemporary Ensemble Fellowship
- Flute Study with Leon Buyse, Bonita Boyd and Alberto Almarza

### Aspen Music Festival and School

2017-2019

- Winner of Susan and Ford Schumann scholarship for contemporary music
  - Awarded only to one flute player every three years
- Flute Studies with Nadine Asin, Demarre McGill, and Mark Sparks
- Teaching fellow for P.A.L.S program
- Concerto Appearance: August 2019, Judith Shatin's Ruah for Flute and Orchestra

## Teaching

### Collegiate

### Texas A&M University – Commerce

2020-Present

- Applied Studio Teaching
  - 11 hours of teaching per semester including graduate students
  - Contemporary Technique classes for graduate students
- Studio Class Teaching
- *Texas Summer Flute Symposium* Program Coordinator

<b>Tarrant County College</b>	<b>2019-2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Online and Weekend College</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Texas Christian University</b>	<b>2013-2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Teaching Assistant</li> <li>• Individual lessons to Major and Non-Major students</li> <li>• Faculty Woodwind Quintet “Sundance Winds”</li> <li>• Taught Woodwind Technique classes</li> <li>• Assisted with the flute festival preparation and guest artists (2013-2018)</li> <li>• Assisted with the New Music Ensemble (2017-2019)</li> <li>• Adjudication for TCU Flute Festival Solo and Ensemble competition</li> <li>• Maternity leave fill-in for Dr. Thompson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Taught Woodwind techniques class</li> <li>◦ Taught individual lessons to the undergraduate studio</li> <li>◦ Taught weekly studio classes</li> <li>◦ Approved and oversaw recital planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Fall 2016</b>
<b>Pre-Collegiate and Chamber Music Teaching</b>	
<b>Greater North Texas Youth Orchestra</b>	<b>2020-Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chamber Music Woodwind Coach</li> <li>• Selecting repertoire and planning the performances</li> <li>• Weekly coaching</li> </ul>	
<b>Cliburn Online Education Initiative</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Aspen Music Festival P.A.L.S program teacher</b>	<b>2017-2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private teaching in Aspen and Snowmass area</li> <li>• Coaching woodwind ensembles</li> </ul>	
<b>Fort Worth Youth Orchestra</b>	<b>2016-2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chamber Music Woodwind Coach</li> <li>• Selecting repertoire and planning the performances</li> <li>• Weekly coaching</li> </ul>	
<b>Rockwall and Garland ISD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterclasses</li> <li>• Mock Auditions and Judging Region Auditions</li> <li>• Lessons Teacher</li> </ul>	
<b>Burleson ISD</b>	<b>2014-2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterclasses</li> <li>• Centennial HS, Kerr MS</li> <li>• <u>STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes</u></li> <li>• Mock Auditions and Judging Region Auditions</li> <li>• Online Beginner flute masterclasses for Covid-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Videos available upon request</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>White Settlement ISD</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterclasses</li> <li>• Centennial HS, Kerr MS</li> <li>• <u>STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes</u></li> <li>• Running Mock Auditions and Judging</li> </ul>	

<b>Kennedale ISD</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterclasses</li> <li>• Centennial HS, Kerr MS</li> <li>• <u>STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes</u></li> <li>• Running Mock Auditions and Judging</li> </ul>	
<b>Fort Worth ISD</b>	<b>2015-2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arlington Heights High School lesson teacher and masterclass teacher</li> </ul>	
<b>Arlington ISD flute teacher</b>	<b>2015-2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching private lessons in three high schools including James Bowie HS and Barnett JH</li> </ul>	
<b>Private Studio in Tehran</b>	<b>2008-2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Masterclasses in Tehran and other Iran's cities</li> </ul>	

## Masterclasses/Workshops/Judging

<b>Texas Flute Society</b>	<b>2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop – Contemporary Techniques for beginners</li> </ul>	
<b>Tehran Masterclass</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosted by Kherad Art House</li> <li>• Attended by Tehran Symphony and Universities Flutists</li> </ul>	
<b>National Flute Association Convention – High School Competition</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Garland School District – Rockwall School District, Dallas, Texas</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly masterclasses</li> </ul>	
<b>Atlantic Music Festival</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop <i>Idiomatic Flute Writing</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Texas Flute Society TMEA Masterclasses</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>UC Irvine School of Music</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of Western Music in Iran</li> </ul>	
<b>Iran Flute Society Webinar</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on Upper-Respiratory Independence for flutists</li> </ul>	
<b>East Texas Youth Orchestra</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodwind Masterclass and Sectionals for Fall 2020</li> </ul>	
<b>Texas Summer Flute Symposium</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Extended Techniques</li> </ul>	
<b>Cedar Hill School District, Dallas, Texas</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly masterclasses on region etudes</li> </ul>	
<b>HEB School District, Euless, Texas</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly masterclasses on region etudes and techniques</li> </ul>	
<b>Centennial High School, Burleson, Texas</b>	<b>2017-2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly masterclasses on region etudes and techniques</li> </ul>	

<b>TMEA Region Auditions</b>	<b>2016-2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judging TMEA region audition in DFW</li> </ul>	
<b>TCU Flute Festival</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judging the Solo/Ensemble competition</li> </ul>	
<b>Iran Flute Society seminar</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contemporary flute techniques workshop</li> <li>Masterclass</li> <li>Guest Artist Recital</li> </ul>	

## Administrative Experience / Other Employment

<b>Canopy Media Studio</b>	<b>2019 - Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founder</li> <li>www.canopystudio.net</li> <li>Audio and Video Production Studio</li> </ul>	
<b>The Cliburn</b>	<b>2019-2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cliburn Online Education Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Featured artist in Cliburn new online series</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cliburn in the Classroom Host/Artist</li> <li>Performing 40 recitals for elementary schools around DFW and presenting the program “Partnerships” as a flutist and host</li> </ul>	
<b>TCU Office of Graduate Studies</b>	<b>2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting the dean with administrative planning</li> <li>Assisting the dean to develop a child-care subsidy</li> </ul>	
<b>Fort Worth Youth Orchestra</b>	<b>2017- 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director of Chamber Music Program for MS/HS students</li> <li>Manage the coaches, teach chamber music, present workshops on practicing techniques and orchestral performance</li> <li>Involvement with community services</li> <li>Management of communication with parents</li> <li>Develop a pre-collegiate theory course to help students pass their placement theory when applying to music schools</li> </ul>	

## Masterclasses/Teachers

- Teachers:** Nadine Asin, Demarre McGill, Shauna Thompson, Jake Fridkis, Mark Sparks
- Masterclasses Highlights:** Jefferey Khaner, Ransom Wilson, Alexa Still, Marina Piccinini, Julien Beaudiment, Bart Feller, Jim Walker, Aralee Dorough, Leone Buyse, Christina Smith

## Honors/Prizes

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| National Barbad Prize - Best album of contemporary music - Tehran, Iran | <b>2022</b> |
| Myrna Brown National Flute Competition – Finalist                       | <b>2017</b> |
| TCU Concerto Competition – Winner                                       | <b>2015</b> |
| Fadjr International Music Festival, Tehran – First Prize                | <b>2012</b> |

- Iran Flute Society Young Artist Competition - Winner 2011
- Iranian Young Artists Festival, Flute Competition – First Prize 2010
- Nationwide University Entrance Exams (Iran’s National Concours) 2007
  - Iran’s highest academic achievement, the exam in Art field is held between 80-100 thousand participants
- Iran President’s Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement
- Prize for Scientific Achievement, Iran Ministry of Science, Information and Technology
- Iranian National Elites Foundation, Honorary Member

### Artistic Affiliations:

National Flute Association	2013-Current
Texas Music Teachers Association	2015-Current
Texas Flute Society	2013-Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member : 2020</li> <li>• Texas Flute Society Festival Executive Team</li> </ul>	
Iran Flute Association, Founder and Lecturer	2011-Current

### Performance Experiences

#### Orchestral

<b>McKinney Philharmonic (Dallas-Fort Worth)</b>	<b>2019 - Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>Longview Symphony Orchestra</b>	<b>2021 - Current</b>
<b>Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra</b>	<b>2018 - Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substitute Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra</b>	<b>2017 - 2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invited to perform two programs including three premieres in Zipper Hall and Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles</li> </ul>	
<b>New World Symphony</b>	<b>2017 - 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substitute Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>Tehran Symphony</b>	<b>2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Principal Flute</li> <li>• Conductor: Alexander Rahbari</li> </ul>	
<b>TCU Symphony Orchestra</b>	<b>2013- 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conductors: German Gutierrez, Miguel Harth-Bedoya</li> </ul>	
<b>Parsian Chamber orchestra</b>	<b>2011-2013</b>
<b>Tehran Symphony Orchestra</b>	<b>2011 - 2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Principal</li> </ul>	

<b>Iranian Contemporary Orchestra for New Music</b>	<b>2004-2012</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Klangwertage Festival for New Music, Hamburg, Germany, 2012</li> <li>• Conductor: Alireza Mashayekhi</li> </ul>	

### **Selected Solo Appearances / Recitals Highlights**

<b>Texas Flute Society Board Members Recital</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Mount Vernon Music Series</b>	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Artist for the 19-20 Season</li> <li>• FW Steinway Hall Debut with Music from Caspian Sea</li> </ul>	
<b>Aspen Contemporary Ensemble</b>	<b>2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judith Shatin, “Ruah” for flute and orchestra</li> <li>• Solo Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>Centennial High School Wind Ensemble, Burleson</b>	<b>2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cecile Chaminade, <i>Concertino for flute and wind ensemble</i></li> <li>• Solo Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra</b>	<b>2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J.S. Bach <i>Brandenburg Concerto 5</i> and Gabriella Smith <i>Brandenburg Solstices</i>”</li> <li>• Solo Flute</li> </ul>	
<b>National Flute Association Convention</b>	<b>2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premiered two new works by Iranian Composers</li> <li>• Performed a flute quartet with TCU flute studio</li> </ul>	
<b>TCU symphony</b>	<b>2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen Fantasy for flute and orchestra as the winner of 2016 Concerto Competition</li> </ul>	
<b>TCU Symphony</b>	<b>2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soloist in TCU Latin American Music Festival, performing with Daniel Binelli</li> </ul>	
<b>Fadjr International Music Festival, Tehran, Iran</b>	<b>2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing two recitals with guitar and piano in the emerging artists portion of the festival</li> </ul>	
<b>Tehran Flute Seminar, Tehran, Iran,</b>	<b>2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recitals</li> <li>• Workshop on Extended Techniques</li> </ul>	
<b>First International C-Sound Festival, Germany</b>	<b>2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premiering a new work for flute and live electronic sounds</li> </ul>	

**Chamber Music highlights****Aspen Contemporary Ensemble (ACE) 2017-2019**

- Over 16 concerts in the 8-week session
- Premiering more than 12 pieces in collaboration with the center for composition studies directed by Stephen Hartke and Christopher Theofanidis

**TCU Collegium Orchestra 2013-Current**

- Performing on Baroque flute as soloist every semester since 2013
- Director: Dr. Joseph Butler

**TCU Chamber Music Program 2013-2018**

- Performances of different chamber music pieces throughout the year coached by performance faculty
- Faculty Woodwind Quintet, Substitute for Dr. Thompson

**Ensemble Martinu, founder and performer, Tehran, Iran 2011-2013**

- Winner of the chamber music competition of Fadjr Music Festival, Tehran, 2012

**Discography and Published Performances:****Iranity – Pieces for Flute 2021**

- Published by Mahoor Institute of Arts and Culture
- Available on Spotify and other streaming services

**Through a Veil**

- Composed by Saman Samadi
- Available on Spotify and other platforms

**Iran flute Society 1 (Solo Album)– A collection of Iranian music for flute 2017**

- Iran Flute Society' first ever CD including pieces commissioned by Mehrdad Gholami
- Published by University of Tehran
- Available on Spotify and other streaming services

**Contemporary Music in Iran– A collection of Iranian music by Tehran Music Group 2015**

- Performing solo pieces of Iranian classical composers
- Mahoor Publications

**The Revelation – Music by Shervin Abbasi 2015**

- Quintet for flute and strings
- Available on Spotify and other streaming services

**Only That Spark and Nothing More – Music of Karen Kayhani 2014**

- *The Last Color* - Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami
- Available on Spotify and other streaming services

**Uranus – Alireza Mashayekhi 2013**

- Performing Mashayekhi's Concerto for flute and orchestra as soloist
- Mahoor Publication

Mehrdad Gholami can also be heard in releases by the TCU Wind Ensemble (2013) and TCU Symphony Orchestra through 2013-2017 and All CDs published by Iranian Orchestra for New Music. CDs and the Booklets are available upon request.

### Commissioned/Premiered Works Highlights:

**More than 30 world premieres with Aspen Contemporary Ensemble including US premiere of Luke Bedford opera Seven Angels (complete list upon request)**

<i>Asha for solo flute</i> Saman Samadi Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami	2020
<i>Letters from Quarantine for flute and alto flute</i> Hooshyar Khayam Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami	2020
<i>Piece for flute solo</i> Kiawasch Saheb-Nassagh Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami	2020
<i>Two Pieces for flute/alto flute</i> Negin Zumorrodi Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami	2019
<i>Etudes for Alto Flute</i> Mehrdad Pakbaz Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami Recorded for Caspian Sea Project	2019
<i>Suite for Solo Flute</i> Dr. Blaise Ferrandino, TCU's chair of composition Premiered on SCI Region VI 2019 Convention, Commerce, Texas	2019
<i>Amusia for flute and piano</i> Kiawasch Saheb Nasagh <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q4Q2KHsaAg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q4Q2KHsaAg</a>	2018
<i>Rubaie for flute and celesta</i> Matthew Briggs ( <a href="http://www.mhbriggs.com/rubaie.html">http://www.mhbriggs.com/rubaie.html</a> )	2016
<i>Wanderer for flute and percussions</i> Reza Nakisa, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2efMX8ptD0I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2efMX8ptD0I</a>	2016



<b><i>Danses Mystiques for flute and piano</i></b> Kouchyar Shahroudi Premiered at 44 <sup>th</sup> NFA convention	<b>2016</b>
<b><i>Agnosie For Solo Flute</i></b> Kiawasch Saheb Nasagh, Composition Professor at University of Tehran	<b>2013</b>
<b><i>Ballade for flute and Piano</i></b> Mohammadreza Tafazzoli, Composition Professor at University of Tehran	<b>2012</b>
<b><i>Paj for flute and piano</i></b> Saman Samadi, Tehran University This Piece won the first prize of Italian composition festival <i>Counterpoint</i>	<b>2012</b>
<b><i>Sonata for Flute and Guitar</i></b> Mehrdad Pakbaz, Guitar professor at Tehran University,	<b>2012</b>
<b><i>Sonata for Flute Solo</i></b> Ashkan Pashazadeh,	<b>2011</b>
<b><i>Direction for flute solo</i></b> Farrokh Saberi	<b>2011</b>
<b><i>Echo for flute and live electronics</i></b> Reza Payami, Stanford University, Premiered at Hannover university concert hall, First C-sound conference, Appreciated as “The festival’s highlight performance”	<b>2010</b>
<b><i>Atom for 2 flutes and Xylophone</i></b> Negin Zomorodi, Tehran Art University Commissioned piece for EAR digital magazine, published on iTunes	<b>2010</b>
<b><i>In den Fruheren Zeiten (In the past times) for solo flute</i></b> Alireza Chegini Both Score and Recording Published in Music Report Magazine, Tehran.	<b>2009</b>
<b><i>Brick Bridge for flute alone</i></b> Abolfazl Rahbarian, Trento School of music, Italy Filmed and Recorded a Documentary for the piece with the same name.	<b>2008</b>
<b><i>Impression for flute solo</i></b> Saied Alijani, Tehran Conservatory	<b>2008</b>

Scores and Recordings of all the mentioned pieces are available upon request.

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