

## Rayford James McDowell Jr.

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### OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

An artistic collaborator that combines musicianship, leadership, and artistic vision in order to create engaging opportunities through teaching and performing.

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### EDUCATION:

Year.	Degree	Major	Institution
Present	Doctoral of Musical Arts	Viola Performance	University of North Texas
2022	Master of Music	Orchestral Studies	The Tianjin Juilliard School
2019	Master of Music	Viola Performance	Belmont University
2017	Bachelor of Arts	Viola Performance	Furman University

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### EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Date	Ensemble Name	Location
Oct 2023 – Present	Early Bird Ensemble	Dallas, TX
Sept. 2022 – Present	Principal Violist of Lafayette Musicians	Dallas, TX
Sept. 2022 – Present	Ensemble Fantasmi	Denton, TX
Sept. 2022 – Present	UNT Baroque Orchestra	Denton, TX

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### SOLO PERFORMANCES

Date	Piece Performed	Ensemble/ Reason	Location
February 2024	Concerto for Viola and Organ by Michael Haydn	UNT Baroque Orchestra	Denton, TX
October 2023	Concerto in A Major by Antonin Jiranek	Ensemble Fantasmi	Denton, TX
October 2023	Concerto in A Major by Antonin Jiranek	Ensemble Fantasmi	Dallas, TX
Summer 2023	Concerto in A Major by Antonin Jiranek	Ensemble Fantasmi	Germany and Czech Republic
February 2023	Sinfonia No. 6 with Alto Viola by Antoine Mahaut	UNT Baroque Orchestra	Denton, TX
July 2022	Romanze for Viola and Orchestra by Max Bruch	Finalist for the Trentino Music Festival Concerto Competition	Trento, Italy

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### CHAMBER MUSIC

Date	Organization	Location
Summer 2024	The Castleman Quartet Program	Fredonia, NY
Summer 2022	Trentino Music Festival	Trentino, Italy
July 2021	The Endless Summer Concert Series	Quinhuangdao, China
Jan. – Feb. 2021	Festival Connect	Tianjin, China
Nov. 2020	Tianjin Chamber Music Festival	Tianjin, China
Summer 2018	Vienna Summer Music Festival	Vienna, Austria
Fall 2014 – Spring 2017	Scholarship String Quartet at Furman University	Greenville, SC

**ORCHESTRAL**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Location</b>
Aug. 2022 – Present	Substitute Violist	Amarillo Symphony	Amarillo, TX
Oct. 2022 – Present	Substitute Violist	Abilene Philharmonic	Abilene, TX
Sept. 2022 – Present	Associate Principal	UNT Opera Orchestra	Denton, TX
Sept. 2022 – Present	Section Member	UNT Symphony Orchestra	Denton, TX
Oct. 2020 – May 2022	Principal Rotating Seating	Tianjin Juilliard String Orchestra	Tianjin, China
Oct. 2020 – May 2022	Section Member	Tianjin Juilliard Symphony Orchestra	Tianjin, China
April 2019 – Feb. 2020	Section Member	Nashville Composer Collective	Nashville, TN
Spring 2019	Substitute Principal	Tennessee Philharmonic Orchestra	Murfreesboro, TN
Oct. 2018 – Feb. 2020	Substitute Violist	Orchestra Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY
Dec. 2017 – Feb. 2020	Substitute Violist	Huntsville Symphony Orchestra	Huntsville, AL
Aug. 2017 – May 2019	Principal Violist	Belmont University Symphony Orchestra	Nashville, TN
August 2015 – May 2017	Principal Rotating Seating	Furman University Symphony Orchestra	Greenville, SC

**LECTURE PERFORMANCES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Performance Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
Feb 2024	Denton Encounters Educational Performance	Denton, TX
July 2021	Aranya Community Engagement Performance	Quinhuangdao, China
June 2021	Bolero Community Engagement Performance	Tianjin, China
May 2021	Trout Community Engagement Performance	Tianjin, China
May 2015	Debussy String Quartet Lecture Performance Concert Series	Greenville, SC

**EDUCATOR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 2024 – Present	Viola/Violin Teacher	Crownover Middle School	Denton, TX
August 2024 – Present	Viola/Violin Teacher	Rojas School of Music	Dallas, TX
August 2023 – Present	Viola Teacher	Dallas ISD Virtual Online Music Lessons	Denton, TX
July 2023 – Present	All-Region Workshop Presenter and Sectional Leader	Guyer High School	Denton, TX
August 2020 – May 2022	English Language Assistant	The Tianjin Juilliard School	Tianjin, China
October 2020 – May 2022	Pre-College Mentor	Tianjin Juilliard School	Tianjin, China
Fall 2017 – Spring 2020	Masterclass Clinician	Grassland Middle School	Franklin, TN
Fall 2017 – Spring 2020	Masterclass Clinician	Blythewood Middle School	Columbia, SC

<b>PERFORMED WITH</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>	<b>COACHES</b>	<b>MASTERCLASSES</b>
Sheryl Crowe	Susan Dubois	Daphne Gerling	DeCoda Ensemble
Wei He	Sheila Browne	Adam Wodnicki	Miami String Quartet
Lee Allen	Honggang Li	DaXun Zhang	Gerhard Schulz
Mingjia Liu	Daniel Reinker	Weigang Li	Hsin-Yun Huang
Tarn Travers	Sarah Cote	Elisabeth Small	Daniela Ivanova
Chan Chou Han	Anna Joiner	Christopher Hutton	Daniel Reinker
Paul Leenhouts			

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP**

### **Teaching Assistant**

**University of North Texas College of Music**

**Jan. 2024 – Present**

- Spearheaded an outreach program to enhance chamber music initiatives within College of Music
- Organizes chamber music groups to perform in Denton ISD elementary, middle, and high schools
- Coaches undergraduate chamber groups on how to present engaging performances □ Researches trends in outreach performances

### **Music Special Collections Graduate Student Assistant**

**University of North Texas Music Library**

**Sept. 2022– Jan. 2024**

- Member of the Graduate Student Library Ambassador Board
- MEI Project Assistant
- Helps take inventory of Music Special Collections

### **Music and Media Assistant Supervisor**

**Lila D. Bunch Library**

**Sept. 2019 – July 2020**

- Member of the Vision 2025 LITS Committee and Musicology Professor Search Committee.
- Created and implemented a new student training program.
- Cataloged new CDs and DVDs into the library's collection.
- Organized projects and managed the day-to-day activities for students to maintain.
- Worked with the Music Librarian and the Director of Graduate Studies to create the School of Music's Style Guide for the graduate students and assisted students individually each semester with style editing their theses.
- Created a BIOPIC research guide

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## **REFERENCE LIST**

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