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- Educator**

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## **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** **2013-2015**

- 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 for 2020 (delayed to 2021)
- 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 Experience

### Collegiate level

#### 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

#### Tarrant County College

2019-2021

- Music Appreciation
  - Online and Weekend College

#### Texas Christian University

2013-2018

- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Individual lessons to Major and Non-Major students
- Substitute for Faculty Woodwind Quintet “Sundance Winds”
- Taught Woodwind Technique classes
- Assisted with the flute festival preparation and guest artists (2013-2018)
- Assisted with the New Music Ensemble (2017-2019)
- Adjudication for TCU Flute Festival Solo and Ensemble competition
- Maternity leave fill-in for Dr. Thompson
  - Taught Woodwind techniques class
  - Taught individual lessons to the undergraduate studio
  - Taught weekly studio classes
  - Approved and oversaw recital planning

Fall 2016

### Pre-Collegiate and Chamber Music

#### Cliburn Online Education Initiative

2020

#### Aspen Music Festival P.A.L.S program teacher

2017-2019

- Private teaching in Aspen and Snowmass area
- Coaching woodwind ensembles

#### Fort Worth Youth Orchestra

2016-2019

- Chamber Music Woodwind Coach
- Selecting repertoire and planning the performances

- Weekly coaching

### **Rockwall and Garland ISD**

**2021-Current**

- Masterclasses
- Mock Auditions and Judging Region Auditions
- Lessons Teacher

### **Burleson ISD**

**2014-2020**

- Masterclasses
- Centennial HS, Kerr MS
- STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes
- Mock Auditions and Judging Region Auditions
- Online Beginner flute masterclasses for Covid-19
  - Videos available upon request

### **White Settlement ISD**

**2019-2020**

- Masterclasses
- Centennial HS, Kerr MS
- STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes
- Running Mock Auditions and Judging

### **Kennedale ISD**

**2019-2020**

- Masterclasses
- Centennial HS, Kerr MS
- STEAM/REALM MS: Daily Beginner classes
- Running Mock Auditions and Judging

### **Fort Worth ISD**

**2015-2017**

- Arlington Heights High School lesson teacher and masterclass teacher

### **Arlington ISD flute teacher**

**2015-2019**

- Teaching private lessons in three high schools including James Bowie HS and Barnett JH

### **Private Studio in Tehran**

**2008-2013**

- Annual Masterclasses in Tehran and other Iran's cities

## **Masterclasses and Workshops and Judging**

### **Garland School District – Rockwall School District, Dallas, Texas**

**2021**

- Weekly masterclasses

### **Atlantic Music Festival**

**2021**

- Workshop “idiomatic flute writing”

### **Texas Flute Society TMEA Masterclasses**

**2020**

<b>UC Irvine School of Music</b>	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of Western Music in Iran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portion of DMA Dissertation for UC Irvine Music in Modern Iran</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Iran Flute Society Webinar</b>	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Upper-Respiratory Independence for flutists</li> </ul>	
<b>East Texas Youth Orchestra</b>	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodwind Masterclass and Sectionals for Fall 2020</li> </ul>	
<b>Texas Summer Flute Symposium</b>	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Extended Techniques</li> </ul>	
<b>Cedar Hill School District, Dallas, Texas</b>	<b>2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly masterclasses on region etudes</li> </ul>	
<b>HEB School District, Euless, Texas</b>	<b>2019</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-Current</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly masterclasses on region etudes and techniques</li> </ul>	
<b>TMEA Region Auditions</b>	<b>2016-Current</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>	
<b>High school and middle school masterclasses in DFW</b>	<b>2013-Current</b>

## **Administrative Experience / Other Employment**

<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> </ul>	

- Assisting the dean to develop a child-care subsidy

### **Fort Worth Youth Orchestra**

**2017- 2019**

- Director of Chamber Music Program for MS/HS students
- Manage the coaches, teach chamber music, present workshops on practicing techniques and orchestral performance
- Involvement with community services
- Management of communication with parents
- Develop a pre-collegiate theory course to help students pass their placement theory when applying to music schools

## **Performance Experiences**

### **Orchestral**

#### **McKinney Philharmonic (Dallas-Fort Worth)**

**2019 - Current**

- Principal Flute

#### **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra**

**2018 - Current**

- Substitute Flute

#### **Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra**

**2017 - 2018**

- Invited to perform two programs including three premieres in Zipper Hall and Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles

#### **New World Symphony**

**2017 - 2018**

- Substitute Flute

#### **Tehran Symphony**

**2015**

- Guest Principal Flute
- Conductor: Alexander Rahbari

#### **TCU Symphony Orchestra**

**2013- 2017**

- Conductors: German Gutierrez, Miguel Harth-Bedoya

#### **Parsian Chamber orchestra**

**2011-2013**

#### **Tehran Symphony Orchestra**

**2011 - 2013**

- Assistant Principal

#### **Iranian Contemporary Orchestra for New Music**

**2004-2012**

- Klangwertage Festival for New Music, Hamburg, Germany, 2012
- Conductor: Alireza Mashayekhi

## 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

**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**

- Myrna Brown National Flute Competition – Finalist 2017
- TCU Concerto Competition – Winner 2015
- Fadjr International Music Festival, Tehran – First Prize 2012
- 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 2007
- Prize for Scientific Achievement, Iran Ministry of Science, Information and Technology 2007
- Iranian National Elites Foundation, Honorary Member 2007

**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

**Discography and Published CDs:**

<b>Iranity – Pieces for Flute</b>	<b>2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published by Mahoor Institute of Arts and Culture</li> <li>• Available on Spotify and other streaming services</li> </ul>	
<b>Iran flute Society 1 (Solo Album)– A collection of Iranian music for flute</b>	<b>2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iran Flute Society’ first ever CD including pieces commissioned by Mehrdad Gholami</li> <li>• Published by University of Tehran</li> <li>• Available on Spotify and other streaming services</li> </ul>	
<b>Contemporary Music in Iran– A collection of Iranian music by Tehran Music Group</b>	<b>2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing solo pieces of Iranian classical composers</li> <li>• Mahoor Publications</li> </ul>	
<b>The Revelation – Music by Shervin Abbasi</b>	<b>2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quintet for flute and strings</li> <li>• Available on Spotify and other streaming services</li> </ul>	
<b>Only That Spark and Nothing More – Music of Karen Kayhani</b>	<b>2014</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Last Color</i> - Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami</li> <li>• Available on Spotify and other streaming services</li> </ul>	
<b>Uranus – Alireza Mashayekhi</b>	<b>2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing Mashayekhi’s Concerto for flute and orchestra as soloist</li> <li>• Mahoor Publication</li> </ul>	

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)**

- Asha for solo flute* 2020  
Saman Samadi  
Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami
- Letters from Quarantine for flute and alto flute* 2020  
Hooshyar Khayam  
Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami
- Piece for flute solo* 2020  
Kiawasch Saheb-Nassagh  
Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami
- Two Pieces for flute/alto flute* 2019  
Negin Zumorrodi  
Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami
- Etudes for Alto Flute* 2019  
Mehrdad Pakbaz  
Dedicated to Mehrdad Gholami  
Recorded for Caspian Sea Project
- Suite for Solo Flute* 2019  
*Dr. Blaise Ferrandino, TCU's chair of composition*  
*Premiered on SCI Region VI 2019 Convention, Commerce, Texas*
- Amusia for flute and piano* 2018  
Kiawasch Saheb Nasagh  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4Q2KHsaAg>
- Rubaie for flute and celesta* 2016  
Matthew Briggs  
(<http://www.mhbriggs.com/rubaie.html>)
- Wanderer for flute and percussions* 2016  
Reza Nakisa,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2efMX8ptD0I>
- Danses Mystiques for flute and piano* 2016  
Kouchyar Shahroudi  
Premiered at 44<sup>th</sup> NFA convention
- Agnosie For Solo Flute* 2013  
Kiawasch Saheb Nasagh, Composition Professor at University of Tehran

<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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