

# Dr. Curtis Simmons | Horn

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- Doctorate of Musical Arts in Horn Performance**, University of Texas, Austin, TX 2021  
Principal Teacher: Dr. Patrick Hughes  
Lecture Recital: *Exploring the Prominence of Horn in the Scores of John Williams*
- Master of Music in Horn Performance**, UMKC Conservatory, Kansas City, MO 2018  
Principal Teacher: Martin Hackleman
- Bachelor of Music in Horn Performance**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 2016  
**Bachelor of Music in Music Theory**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 2016  
Principal Teacher: Dr. Timothy Thompson

### Teaching Experience

- Camp Faculty and Co-Founder**, Austin Horn Camp, Austin, TX Summer 2022-Present  
Taught one of the high school level horn choirs for the camp, led a group warm up, conducted the mass horn choir piece for our concert
- Private Lessons Instructor**, Vandegrift High School, Austin, TX 2022-Present  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly lessons and masterclasses
- Private Lessons Instructor**, Canyon Ridge Middle School, Austin, TX 2021-Present  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly lessons
- Private Lessons Instructor**, Four Points Middle School, Austin, TX 2021-Present  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly lessons
- Adjunct Professor of Conducting**, Concordia University, Austin, TX Spring 2022  
Taught Advanced Conducting techniques which involved the students conducting each other and receiving feedback, arranged the pieces for the class's unusual instrumentation, gave students videos of their conducting
- Teaching Assistant**, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 2020-2021  
Provided lessons to non-major students, led weekly warm up classes, facilitated masterclasses, implemented technological advancements, streamlined feedback process, met weekly with students to build connections, ran auditions for incoming students and welcomed them to the Studio

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**Masterclass Instructor**, San Marcos ISD, San Marcos, TX 2020-2021  
Provided monthly masterclasses to the Horn sections of the San Marcos High School Band and the Miller Middle School Band, including working on music with them and preparing lectures to focus on aspects of horn playing

**Private Lessons Instructor**, Sapulpa Middle School, Sapulpa, OK 2021  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly online lessons

**Private Lessons Instructor**, Sycamore Springs Middle School, Dripping Springs, TX 2018-2021  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly lessons

**Private Lessons Instructor**, Hendrickson High School, Pflugerville, TX 2019-2020  
Recruited students and maintained a consistent studio by providing weekly lessons

**Masterclass Instructor**, Decker Middle School, Manor, TX 2018-2019  
Provided classes on horn development and fundamentals twice monthly

**Masterclass Instructor**, U of A Summer Music Camp, Fayetteville, AR 2017  
Provided masterclasses daily and taught horn fundamentals to each section

**Private Lessons Instructor**, U of A Summer Music Camp, Fayetteville, AR 2014-2017  
Taught private lessons to students

## Performance Experience

**Austin Brass Collective**, Austin, TX 2022-Present  
Section musician and founding board member


**Fava Opera Summer Music Program**, Elgin, TX 2021-Present  
Performed as the principal horn for the opera program

**Tulsa Signature Symphony**, Tulsa, OK 2017-2020  
Substitute musician for the Mahler Concert Series

**Reynolds Conducting Institute**, Midwest Clinic, Chicago, IL Dec 2019  
Played principal horn for the conducting ensemble and the following concert

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<b>University of Texas Conducting Symposium</b> , Austin, TX Ensemble member for the week-long symposium	Summer 2019-2021
<b>Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra</b> , Rogers, AR Fourth Horn/Utility Horn for four seasons, including the summer children's concerts of 2017 and 2018	2014-2018
<b>Kansas City Civic Orchestra</b> , Overland Park, KS Fourth Horn	2017-2018
<b>Kansas City Symphony Side-by-side Concert</b> , Kansas City, MO Selected to perform the Mozart <i>Gran Partita</i> alongside members of the Kansas City Symphony	Oct 2017
<b>Symphony of Northwest Arkansas</b> , Fayetteville, AR Substitute Horn for Mahler's <i>Symphony No. 1</i>	May 2014

### Chamber Ensembles

<b>Perpetual Motion Quintet</b> , Austin, TX Hornist for the woodwind quintet, the woodwind quintet was the performance ensemble for Concordia University's Conducting Final.	2021-Present
<b>University of Texas Graduate Horn Quartet</b> , Austin, TX Student-led group, performed for the Texas Horn Day, won the quartet competition at the Mid-South Horn Workshop	2018-2020
<b>Wind in Doubt</b> , Austin, TX Student-led wind quintet, performed at various outreach events and concerts each semester	2018-2020
<b>UMKC Graduate Horn Quartet</b> , Kansas City, MO Student-led horn quartet, performed at various outreach events, performed concerts each semester	2016-2018
<b>UMKC Brass Quintet</b> , Kansas City, MO Graduate brass quintet, met weekly and performed concerts each semester	2017-2018
<b>Fulbright Brass Quintet</b> , Fayetteville, AR Performed concerts for students at the UARK Summer Music Camp	2014-2017

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### Awards

- Horn Quartet Competition**, Mid-South Horn Workshop, Wichita, KS Fall 2018  
Winning quartet, premiered a new piece by Dr. James Naigus
- Low Horn Mock Audition**, Mid-South Horn Workshop, Conway, AR Spring 2018  
Winner, selected to perform in a masterclass with Randy Gardner
- Graduate Solo Competition**, Mid-South Horn Workshop, Conway, AR Spring 2018  
Finalist, performed *España* and Gordon Jacob's Concerto
- National Intercollegiate Band**, Springfield, MA Spring 2013  
Member by audition
- Honor's Recital Competition**, Fayetteville, AR April 2013  
Winner as a soloist, Winner as a brass quintet

### Masterclasses

#### **Performed in Masterclasses alongside:**

- Thomas Bacon, touring artist and founding member of Summit Brass
- Dr. Randy Gardner, former professor at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music
- Frank Llyod, professor at Folkwang Hochschule in Essen Germany
- Dr. Peggy Moran, professor at the University of Central Oklahoma
- Jeffrey Nelsen, Canadian Brass member and professor at the Jacobs School of Music
- Alex Shuhan, professor at Ithaca College and principal of the Fort Smith Symphony
- Denise Tryon, former professor at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music


**Attended Masterclasses by:** Joe Allesi, Andrew Bain, Paul Basler, Lanette Compton, David Cooper, John Hagstrom, Haley Hoop, Julie Landsman, Fergus McWilliam, Kristina Mascher, Dr. James Naigus, Amy Jo Rhine, Denise Tryon, Kerry Turner, Adam Unsworth, Gail Williams

### Workshops Attended

- International Horn Symposium**, Kingsville, TX Summer 2022  
Performed with the Texas All-Star Horn Professors Horn Choir, attended recitals, lectures, and masterclasses.
- Midwest Clinic**, Chicago, IL Dec 2019  
Attended lectures on teaching, performed for the Reynolds Conducting Institute

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- TMEA Convention**, San Antonio, TX Spring 2019  
Attended lectures on teaching, performed as a member of the University of Texas Horn Choir
- Mid-South Horn Workshop**, Wichita, KS Fall 2018  
Competed in the solo competition, performed with a horn quartet and the University of Texas Horn Choir, attended masterclasses, recitals, concerts, and networking events
- Mid-South Horn Workshop**, Conway, AR Spring 2018  
Competed in solo and low mock orchestral competition, attended masterclasses, recitals, concerts, and networking events
- Audition Mode**, Baltimore, MD Summer 2017  
Week-long workshop on audition preparation with Denise Tryon, professor at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and former fourth horn for the Philadelphia Orchestra, and Karl Pituch, principal hornist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Mid-South Horn Workshop**, Cape Girardeau, MO Spring 2017  
Attended masterclasses, recitals, concerts, and networking events
- International Horn Symposium**, Ithaca, NY Summer 2016  
Attended masterclasses, recitals, concerts, and networking events