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Below you will find my professional violin biography and resume which are extensive: my lifelong journey as a passionate musician. Through violin I have learned attributes that apply to being a personal assistant, administration, or any position in the fast-paced entertainment industry. I am matriculate, well-mannered, professional, determined, responsible, and have a creative mind that is great at solving issues. I have lived and performed all around the world



which makes me well-rounded, down to earth, and willing to help anyone at any time. I am proud of my morals and ethics which are loyal, trustworthy, and am a very private person. Violin has taught me to be a strong, independent woman which makes me willing to give my 100 percent to every thing I do. I have no ego and can do anything from getting coffee to setting up meetings, finding the best travel deals, to intricate projects. I am excellent with children and have experience with newborns through teenagers. I volunteer my time to help children and charities that are pushing for a united world. While returning home to regroup after my studies in London, UK and Paris, FR I have worked as a hostess at many restaurants in Cincinnati, Ohio which has shown I work well with people from every background and personality type. Along with music I am passionate about cultures: fashion, travel, and food. At the Capital Grille I am a hostess along as well as assistant to the managers and

executive chef. Paperwork, computer tasks, phone calls, and making guests feel welcome and happy are a part of my job description. **Thank you** for considering my application.

American violinist Deidra Ryan has an **extensive international background.** She attended the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, UK, studying under critically acclaimed teacher Simon Fischer. Previously, she studied at the American University of Paris in France. Deidra has performed concerts across Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S.A. She is a proud alumna of the School for the Creative and Performing Arts in Over-the-Rhine Cincinnati, Ohio, also known as the first K-12 public arts school in the United States. The violin is her **most** 

**important work** and her **greatest passion**; it is a **meaningful part** of each new day, a place of great comfort, frustration and intense excitement.

Deidra spent her K-12 years learning art, dance, drama, and vocal along with the violin. She auditioned (less than 20% who apply are accepted in one discipline). She was chosen in 5 of the 6 art disciplines to become a member of "The School for the Creative & Performing Arts" (SCPA). It is the 1st school in the USA to combine K-12th grade with Magnet Arts Studies and College-Preparatory programs. Performance is the emphasis; students work locally, nationally and internationally. An Honor student since kindergarten, she graduated in May, 2012. SCPA has produced award winning actors, singers, directors, and musicians.

Her stage experience began at the age of three for Dance, age five Drama, Vocal and Violin, age nine for orchestra and chamber music. Performed as concertmaster or first violin; a vast repertoire of music: Solos, Duets, Trios, Quartets, Sextets, Octets, Chamber, Symphonic Orchestras and pit orchestra in several Major Musicals: SCPA/ local professional theatres. Local, Multi-State and International, multitude of venues: Australia, Aronoff Center, Art Museum, Cape Cod, Carnegie Hall, CCM, Children's Hospitals & Museums Centers, City Hall, Cyclones Stadium, Duke Energy Center, Mayerson Theatre, Music Hall, Memorial Hall, IU, New Zealand, NKU, Orlando, Patricia Corbett Theatre, Reds Stadium, Taft Theatre, UC, Washington D.C. etc., Schools, Nursing Homes, Churches, Funerals, and Weddings. She performed in the cast of Sussical the Musical, Beauty and the Beast and played in the pit for Cats, Aida, and Fame. Deidra has done countless plays and monologues since she began at SCPA. Also she has been in choirs since Kindergarten and has been a part of multiple groups that sang around the city and won many awards for excellence in vocal. She was brought up in a diverse setting where education was taught along with awareness of people of any culture, race, gender, economic level and walk of life. Thanks to her early years, Deidra is a humanitarian with life-long goals to help children from harsh surroundings through the power of music. Her motto since she was seven years old is, "Music Is Love: saving the world one note at a time." Deidra Ryan Passionate Violinist®; is most proud of her volunteer work. She works to feed families, aid the elderly, help Veterans on holidays and teach children at MYCincinnati, a non-profit that provides classical music as a communication of the struggles of urban youth. She has played for many outreach programs throughout the Cincinnati community at the VA as well as Children's Hospital, nursing homes, churches and local charities.

She is honored to have mentors, teachers, and many opportunities to play with inspiring artists around the world. The incredible musicians she's worked with and her stage experiences include: the Guildhall Symphony Orchestra, Operas, and Musical concerts at the Barbican Hall, Silk Street Theater, Milton Court Hall rehearsals with the London Symphony Orchestra, Three Choirs Festival Orchestra / St John's Smith Square in London, Guildhall Piano Trio, String Trio &

Duets, SCPA symphony orchestra under Brian Siekmann at Carnegie Hall in 2008 & 2011, Memorial Hall concert in celebration to honor Maestro Eric Kunzel / CSO Pops, one of seven students chosen for the **"Classical Music Day at the White House"** with First Lady Michelle Obama, Joshua Bell, Alisa Weilerstein, and Awadagin Pratt, the Cincinnati Jr. Strings under Dr. Gerald Doan **Australia & New Zealand tour.** 

She's also played with the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra / Maestro Ken Lam 2008-2011: highlight the annual concert at Music Hall, CSYO & CSO under the direction of Maestro Paavo Jarvi. She has also taken lessons from Ivry Gitlis, Juilliard Quartet, Belcea Quartet, Endellion Quartet, Colorado Quartet, Afiara Quartet, Rubens Quartet, Sara Caswell, Mimi Zweig, Jacqueline Ross, Evan Rothstein, Krzysztof Smietana, Dinah Stabb, Corey Smyth, Time for Three, Philippe Aiche Concertmaster of Orchestre de Paris, and Timothy Lees, the concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. She also won the Corbett Mayerson Award for her Mendelssohn Violin Concerto performance.

**Deidra's ultimate dream** is to play for movie scores in the fast pace film and television industry. Her passion includes all genres of music: she loves beats, bass, and learning to produce music that has a thought-provoking and soulful mix. She is available to play for **Pop, Rap, R&B, Soul, Rock, Country and Folk** artists. With such a **diverse education**, she can play for any type of event, including weddings, funerals, corporate events, parties, and more. She just completed a music video resume which features her passionate and technical talents. She is also working on a few exciting projects for 2016.

#### Education

Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London, UK
Violin Performance, Solo, Duo, Trio, & Quartet
American University of Paris, Paris, France
French Culture & Language, Solo work September 2012- June 2013
School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio USA,
Violin, Solo, Duo, Trio, Quartet, Chamber & Orchestra,
August 1999-May 2012 Diploma date: May 22, 2012

#### Academic Awards/ Achievements:

Honor Roll K-12<sup>th</sup> grade Honor classes since 7<sup>th</sup> grade 2003-2012 OFMC Solo Competition / Highest Scores every year 2003-2012 OMEA Orchestra Competition/ 1<sup>st</sup> Violin Highest Scores every year 2003-2012 Solo & Ensemble Competition / 1<sup>st</sup> Violin Highest Scores every year The Prestigious Corbett Mayerson, Solo Winner - May, 2011

## **Arts Profile**

2013-2015 Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London: Violin Performance Duo, Trio & Ouartet 2012-2013 American University of Paris, France and Solo work for European auditions 2008-2011 Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra 1st Violin Cincinnati Conservatory of Music 2003-2008 Cincinnati Junior Strings, 1st Violin 2003-2008 Wyoming Fine Arts, Violin, Solo, Chamber, Orchestra 2011 All-State Orchestra 1st Violin 2011 Southwest Regionals 1st Violin 2003-2012 SCPA Chamber Orchestra, 1st Violin 2004-2012 SCPA Corbett Quartet Chamber Groups, 1st violin, SCPA 2011 Corbett Mayerson Competition Violin Solo Winner SCPA 2003-2012 Miami Oxford Solo Competition / Top Honors Every Year 2009-2010 Louisville Solo Competition / Top Honors every year Summer 2011 Soundfest Chamber Festival Summer 2010 Indiana Summer Music Festival January 2012 Overture Awards Summer 2008 Australia/New Zealand Tour CJS November 2009 Attending Classical Music Day at the White House Washington DC

**Orchestras:** Guildhall Symphony Orchestra & Opera & Musical / Barbican Hall, Three Choirs Festival Orchestra / St John's Smith Square, London, Guildhall Piano Trio, String Trio & Duets, SCPA's / Brian Siekmann 2003-2012 / Carnegie Hall 2008 & 2011, Award & 3 Memorial Concerts for Maestro Eric Kunzel / CSO Pops, 1 of 7 students chosen "Classical Music Day at the White House"/ Mrs. Obama, Joshua Bell, Alisa Weilerstein, Awadagin Pratt; Cincinnati Jr. Strings/ Dr. Gerald Doan 2004-2008 traveling to Australia & New Zealand. Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra / Maestro Ken Lam 2008-2011: highlight the annual concert at Music Hall, CSYO & CSO under the direction of Maestro Paavo Jarvi. **Summers:** Guildhall Chamber Music Festival (Mendelssohn & Schumann) IU Jacobs School of Music, Soundfest / Colorado Quartet, Norse Festival, and Wyoming Fine Arts Center. Competitions: Annual solo, quartet, chamber at the OMEA, OFMC, "Solo Ensemble" always receiving the highest ratings: All-State Orchestras & Southwest Regional Orchestras. I won the prestigious Corbett Mayerson Award in May 2011.

Work Experience: The Capital Grille Hostess, Assistant, Jan 2016-Current 3821 Edwards Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209 (513) 351-0814

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### References

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- Joseph Tinker, Parent of children Deidra babysat, 513-404-0659
- Rick Hand, Professional Keyboards, 108 West Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202, USA 1(513)363-8055, handric@cps-k12.org

• Julian Wilkison, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Corbett Quartet, 2217 Candlemaker Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244,USA jwilkison@cinci.rr.com