

# Influential Teacher Interview

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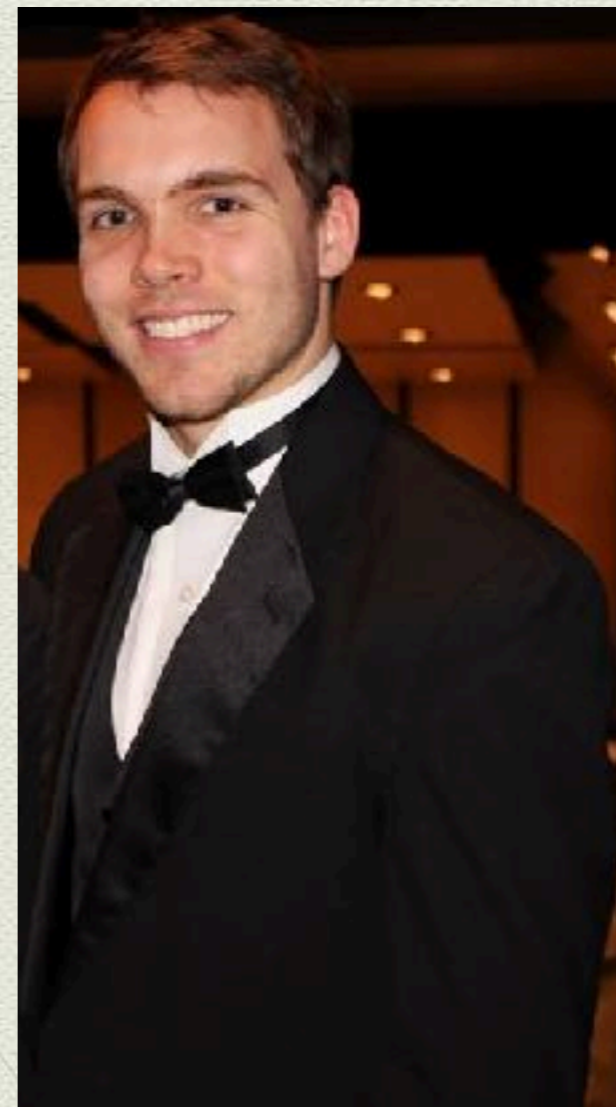
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# Questions Asked

- ◆ Where did you study?
- ◆ Why did you choose to teach / mentor students?
- ◆ How has your teaching style changed / developed over the years?
- ◆ What tips could you give to new educators / mentors?
- ◆ What was your most notable teaching experience?
- ◆ If you weren't teaching music, what would you be doing?

# How has your teaching style changed/developed over the years?

## Mr. Stevenson

- ◆ Collaboration with music educators and educators of other discipline
- ◆ Learned new pedagogy, evaluative skills and ways to refine his teaching style

## Mr. Donohue

- ◆ Teaching style constantly changes and develops as his students do
- ◆ Teaches with experiential learning in mind

“What tips could you give to new educators / mentors?”

“Lead by example to those that you teach and mentor. Show them your passion each and every day and inspire them”

– *Mr. Stevenson*



“Be on time, be prepared, and be ready for change”

*–Mr. Donohue*

“What is your most notable teaching experience?”

“The moment came while doing a conducting unit and a young student with considerable needs had her chance to conduct the class. The smile on her face is one that I will never forget and the class gave her a standing ovation.”

– *Mr. Stevenson*

# If you weren't teaching music, what would you be doing?

“I don't know what I would do without music in my life. It has been my passion and what has brought me so much happiness. I can't think of another career that would have given me so many amazing opportunities and moments”

– *Mr. Stevenson*

“Playing french horn in an orchestra somewhere. 100%. I also find architecture and landscape design pretty cool so I would try that.”

– *Mr. Donohue*