

Harris Shilakowsky violinist, conductor, music educator

Teaching

2018-present: Teacher of violin, viola, cello & piano at Fall River Arts Academy & Parallel Sound Studio in Newton, MA, Ivy Music Academy beginning 2022, Easton Music School (2012-present)

2017-2018: Adjunct professor; violin, Bunker Hill Community College

2013-2016: Director Orchestral Program at Foxborough Regional Charter School.

- Designed ensemble program, recruitment program, teaching program for all levels of instruction; grades 4-12.
- Created & instructed group lesson 'boot camp' to introduce beginners to all instruments (orchestral & band).
- Interviewed & recruited private instrumental teachers and oversaw private instruction program. Conducted all levels of orchestras (String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra & Concert Band).
- Taught miscellaneous courses including small jazz & pop ensembles, composition.
- Taught Kindergarten General Music (2016) and taught 6th grade General Music (2015).
- Created & administrated school's instrument rental program; Purchased instruments, administrated maintenance & payment administration & record-keeping.

2008-2016: Teaching privately violin, viola, cello, string bass, piano & theory.

2008-2016: As 2nd violinist of Rhode Island Philharmonic String Quartet performed educational lecture-demonstrations.

2005-2007: Taught violin and conducted student String Chamber Orchestra at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, MA. Teaching privately violin, viola, cello and piano & theory.

2004-2005: Substitute teaching in music classes & general ed all ages; Attleboro Public Schools

1996-2005: Teaching & Administrating CMSE-BCO Ensembles' Programs and Private Studio; teaching violin, viola, cello, beginning piano & Coaching Chamber Music & New Testament Christian School String Program. Sectional coach; Greater Boston Youth Symphony

2002: Substitute string instructor & string orchestra conductor for Worcester Public Schools (taught small-group string lessons in 2 elementary schools (gr.3-6) & conducted WPS All-City String Orchestra (gr.5-8) after school)

1997-2000: Substitute teaching Cambridge School System

1985-89: violin and chamber music faculty at New England Conservatory of Music Prep Dept. and the Walnut Hill School of the Arts.

1985-87: Violin and chamber music faculty & string department chair at South Shore Conservatory of Music

1991-93: Adjunct Professorship College of Charleston

1985-86: Violin faculty Thayer Conservatory & Grafton, MA. Private studio in US and Gran Canaria

1982: private studio (Nashville TN)

Masterclasses & Lectures

October 15, 2005; Longy Music School Performance Hour Masterclass at Wolfensohn Recital Room

Viola-Violin Duo Lecture-Demonstration at Oliver Ames High School, sponsored by Tri-M Honors Society

Education

- M.Mus.; 1980; Yale University Graduate Professional School of Music, violin studies w/ Joseph Silverstein and Koichiro Harada. Masterclass: Oscar Shumsky. Conducting and score-reading & analysis w/Otto Werner Mueller.
- Bachelor Music, cum laudé; NEC, violin; Nancy Cirillo;1977
- Tanglewood Fellow, Meadowmount, Alexandar Schneider Seminar.
- Conducting studies with Carl St. Clair, (director of the Pacific Symphony) at NEC.

Certifications

MA teacher's certification (music and general K-12)

Musical Performance & Conducting & Leadership Roles:

- 2005-2006: Conductor; Bishop Feehan Chamber String Orchestra.
- 1999-2005: Music Director & Violin Soloist; Bristol Chamber Orchestra, Conductor; Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra & Concertmaster; Granite State S.O.(Babb), New Bedford S.O.
- 2002: Guest Conductor, Rocky Ridge Music Festival Orchestra (YAS program)
- 1999: Concertmaster, Coro Allegro, misc. theatrical shows @Providence Performing Arts Center(PPAC), Princ. IInd violin, Boston Lyric Opera
- 1997-98: Concertmaster: Great Woods Festival Orch., Connecticut River Symphony, Concertmaster: Livent National Tour; "Showboat", Providence Performing Arts Center; "Phantom...", "Peter Pan", Colonial Theater "Chicago".
- 1994-97: Concertmaster: Opera New England; "Daughters Of The Regiment", Concertmaster: Colonial Theater, Solo Violin & Concertmaster: European Theatres.
- 1993-94: Guest Leader: London Symphony Orchestra (M.T. Thomas) London, England
- 1991-93: Concertmaster: Charleston Symphony (D.Stahl), Section: Boston Pops Orch.
- 1990-91: Concertmaster: New Orleans Sym. (Maxim Shostakovich)
- 1989-90: Concertmaster: Omaha Symphony (B. Hangen)
- 1988-89: Assistant Concertmaster: Boston Philharmonic (B. Zander)
- 1986-88: Concertmaster: Georgetown & Prince William Symphony, Concertmaster-contractor: Pittsburgh Ballet, Ass't Cond.: NEC-YSO (A. Kula, dir)
- 1975-86: Concertmaster: Portland, ME (Hangen), Grand Rapids S.O. (Bychkov), Des Moines Metro Opera, Nashville S.O. (Charry & Schermerhorn)
- 1982-84: Assistant Concertmaster: Nashville Symphony
- 1978-79: Moines Metro Opera & concertmaster: Orquesta Sinfonica de Las Palmas & Opera Festival
- 1975-86: concertmaster: Portland Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra

Section/Miscellaneous Free-lance

1999-2005: Boston Lyric Opera (S.Lord), Rhode Island Philharmonic, Cantata Singers (D. Hoose), Boston Ballet.

1997-98: Contata Singers (D. Hoose) & Boston Ballet.
1986-97: Boston Pops Orch.(BPEO, Williams), American Symphony Orch. (L. Botstein)
1975-86: Pro Arté Ch.Orch., Boston Ballet, Opera Co. of Boston (Caldwell), Buffalo Philharmonic(Rudel), Chautauqua Symphony (Commissiona)

Miscellaneous Section Violinist positions: Chautauqua Symphony, Pro Arté Chamber Orchestra, Boston Ballet Orchestra, Opera Co. of Boston (Caldwell), Buffalo Philharmonic (Rudel) (80-81)

Conductors: Serge Commissiona, Michael Tilson Thomas, Seiji Ozawa, Sir George Szolti, Sarah Caldwell, Maxim Shostakovich, Semyon Bychkov, Otto Werner-Mueller, André Previn, Sir Colin Davis, Steven Lord, Placido Domingo, Bruce Hangen, Kenneth Schermerhorn, Julius Rudel, Gunther Schuller

Solo:

2/14/01: Valentine's Day Family Concert-BCO & the Easton Chamber Orchestra at Philip Hallowell Auditorium Easton, MA performing Vivaldi "Winter" from "The Four Seasons"
10/28/01: "Debuts & Dances, Seasons & Romances" H. Shilakowsky violin soloist & conductor with the Bristol Chamber Orchestra at United Church of Christ, Canton MA

Vivaldi "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons"

Shilakowsky Violin Concerto

Bartok Roumananian Dances

Dvorak Serenade

2000: Vivaldi 'Summer', Schubert 'Rondo', Bach Double, Vivaldi with Bristol Chamber Orchestra

12/11/99: Solo Recital at Temple Beth Emunah, Brockton Ma

Ballade Sonate No.3, Op. 27 by Eugene Ysaye

Sonata No.2 in A minor by Johann Sebastian Bach

Medley of Jewish tunes for Hanukah arr. H. Shilakowsky

1998-2000: Recitals in Newton, MA, Johannesburg & Pietersburg, SA

1/28/93: Vaughan-Williams 'Lark Ascending' Charleston S.O. (S.Malina)

10/12/91: Mozart 4th Violin Concerto w/Charleston S.O. (D. Stahl, mus.dir.)

4/3-6/91: Mozart 5th Violin Concerto w/New Orleans Symphony (Wm. H. Curry)

11/4/89: Ravel 'Tzigane', Vaughan-Wms. 'Lark Ascending' Omaha SCO (Wm. Jenks)

10/9/88: Brahms Violin Concerto w/Georgetown Symphony (John Welsh, cond.)

83-85: Dvorak, Bach Concerti, Mozart #5 w/Grand Rapids Symphony (S. Bychkov)

Chamber Music:

1999-2005: Concertmaster & Music Director, Bristol Chamber Orchestra, & ensembles

1991-93: 1st vln, Charleston. Symphony Orchestra String Quartet, College of Chas. S.Q. (adjunct prof.)

'85-90: Pro Arté Ch. Orch., Nuage Chamber Players, Omaha Symphony String Quartet

'83-85: DeVos Quartet, Heritage Hill Series, Midwest Trio/Lyceum Concerts

'81-83: Nashville Symphony Quartet & Quintet

Recordings

Threnody with the Bristol String Trio, produced by ShilakowskyArts.com includes Threnody by D. Krishnaswami & Sonatine a Trois by Milhaud
Songs from Babel, produced by ShilakowskyArts.com on the MP3 label includes violin & piano pieces by Bloch, Bruch, Avidom, Shilakowsky & Lavry.
Christie; Who Needs Love (contractor & violinist)
Session musician; various artists in Nashville, TN
Pro Arté Chamber Orchestra recordings (2)
New England Conservatory Country Fiddle Band
NEC Paul Whiteman Big Band