

# **Casey R. D'Sola, *percussionist***

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## **Education**

**Bachelor of Music (Cum Laude):** Music Performance, Percussion 2015  
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

## **Teaching Employment History**

**Percussion Instructor** 2022-Present  
Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina

- Coordinate the front ensemble program as a part of the marching band
- Provide masterclass and large ensemble coaching to assist the concert percussion ensemble
- Write exercises and arrange music for the front ensemble

**Percussion Instructor** 2019-Present  
Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Teach private percussion lessons as part of the fine arts program
- Provide masterclass and large ensemble coaching
- Direct the percussion ensemble

**Director of Bands** 2019-Present  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Teach beginning and intermediate band classes containing students grades 4-8
- Provide supplemental instruction to coincide with the general music curriculum
- Direct the percussion ensemble

**Percussion Director** 2017-Present  
Triangle Youth Percussion Ensemble, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Provide chamber ensemble training to prepare students for the annual NABBA competition
- Provide methods training covering various percussion instruments
- Provide large ensemble percussion coaching to support the Triangle Youth Brass Band Program

**Percussion Instructor** 2016-Present  
William G. Enloe GT Magnet High School, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Coordinate the front ensemble program as a part of the marching band and indoor percussion ensemble
- Provide masterclass and large ensemble coaching to supplement the concert band program
- Provide the front ensemble arrangements for the competitive BOA and WGI programs

**Private Percussion Instructor** 2015-Present  
Raleigh, North Carolina

- Provide studio-based teaching for students ages 5-adulthood
- Build and enact specialized plans of study for each student
- Promote and provide student performance opportunities throughout the year to supplement private study

**Percussion Instructor** 2017-2022  
Green Hope High School, Cary, North Carolina

- Coordinated the front ensemble program as a part of the marching band and indoor percussion ensemble
- Provided masterclass and large ensemble coaching to supplement the concert band program
- Provided the front ensemble arrangements for the competitive BOA and WGI programs

**Front Ensemble Instructor** 2019-2021  
Equinox Percussion, Atlanta, Georgia

- Served as a front ensemble technician
- Provided specialized instruction, primarily for keyboard players
- Aided in recruitment recruitment efforts to grow the ensemble

**Director of Bands** 2018-2019  
Washington GT Magnet Elementary School, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Taught beginning and intermediate band classes containing students grades 3-5
- Provided supplemental instruction to coincide with the general music curriculum
- Founded a steel drum band to encourage non-magnet students to join the band program

**Front Ensemble Instructor** 2017-2019  
7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps, New London, Connecticut

- Served as a front ensemble technician

- Provided specialized instruction, primarily for keyboard players
- Aided in recruitment recruitment efforts to grow the ensemble

**Front Ensemble Caption Head** 2017-2019

Alchemy Independent Percussion, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Lead the creative and instructional programs for the front ensemble
- Provided the front ensemble arrangements for the competitive WGI programs
- Created and maintained rehearsal schedules, including specific daily goals, for the front ensemble staff

**Front Ensemble Instructor** 2017-2018

Carolina Gold Drum and Bugle Corps, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Served as a front ensemble technician
- Provided specialized instruction, primarily for keyboard players
- Aided in recruitment recruitment efforts to grow the ensemble

**Front Ensemble Instructor** 2016

Alchemy Independent Percussion, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Served as a front ensemble technician
- Provided specialized instruction, primarily for keyboard players
- Aided in recruitment recruitment efforts to grow the ensemble

**Summer Concert Band Camp Counselor** 2014

Mid-Atlantic Camps, Sweet Briar College

- Provided daily percussion coaching for middle and high school students
- Maintained a safe and inclusive environment as a camp counselor
- Performed as a part of the faculty recital

**Summer Concert/Marching Band Camp Counselor** 2013-2014

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Provided daily percussion coaching for high school students
- Maintained a safe and inclusive environment as a camp counselor
- Performed as a part of the faculty recital

**Marching Percussion Composing/Arranging Employment History**

**Percussion Arranger** 2022-Present

Mount Pleasant High School Marching Band, Charlotte, North Carolina

- Front ensemble and battery arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2021-Present

Prairie Central High School Marching Band, Fairbury, Illinois

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2019-2022

Green Hope High School Marching Band/IP, Cary, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2017-Present

Fuquay-Varina High School Marching Band, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2016-Present

William G. Enloe GT Magnet High School, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2020-2022

Carolina Gold Drum and Bugle Corps, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Consultant** 2019

West Johnston High School Indoor Winds, Benson, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2019

Garner High School Marching Band, Garner, North Carolina

- Front ensemble and battery arranging

**Percussion Arranger** 2017-2018

Alchemy Independent Percussion, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Front ensemble arranging

<b>Percussion Arranger</b> James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battery arranging</li> </ul>	
<b>Percussion Arranger</b> Spotswood High School Marching Band, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front ensemble and battery arranging</li> </ul>	
<b>Percussion Arranger</b> Ephrata High School Marching Band, Ephrata, Pennsylvania	2012-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front ensemble and battery arranging</li> </ul>	
<b>Percussion Arranger</b> Columbia High School Marching Band, Columbia, Pennsylvania	2010-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front ensemble and battery arranging</li> </ul>	

### **Adjudication Employment History**

<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC-ECDBA Solo/Ensemble, Raleigh, North Carolina</li> </ul>	2021-Present
<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC-ECDBA All-District Honor Band, Raleigh, North Carolina</li> </ul>	2019
<b>Field Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Johnston HS Compass Classic, Benson, North Carolina</li> </ul>	2019
<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockingham County Honor Band, Harrisonburg, Virginia</li> </ul>	2014
<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Augusta County Honor Band, Stuarts Draft, Virginia</li> </ul>	2013-2014
<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Highlands All-Area Honor Band, Lexington, Virginia</li> </ul>	2013
<b>Concert Percussion Judge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockbridge County Honor Band, Buena Vista, Virginia</li> </ul>	2012

### **Solo Performance**

"Xylophonia," North Carolina Brass Band, Winston-Salem, North Carolina	2022
"Xylophonia," North Carolina Brass Band, Greensboro, North Carolina	2022
"Galway Twilight," Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina	2022
Masterclass Recital, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina	2021
Solo Marimba Recital, Compass Rose Brewery, Raleigh, North Carolina	2021
"Galway Twilight" Premier, Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, North Carolina	2020
Taipei World Percussion Championships, Taipei, Taiwan	2019
North Carolina Percussion Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina	2018
"Steel Mask" Commission and Solo Percussion Recital, Graham, North Carolina	2018
NABBA Percussion Solo Competition, Ft. Wayne, Indiana	2018
Triangle Percussion Concert, Cary, North Carolina	2018
Senior Recital, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2015
Recital, Spotswood High School, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2015
Instrumental Area Recital, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2015
Junior Recital, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2014
Recital, Broadway High School, Broadway, Virginia	2014
James Madison University Percussion Studio Recital, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2012-2015

### **Orchestral Performance (National)**

North Carolina Symphony, Raleigh, North Carolina	2022-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Substitute/Extra Percussion</b></li> </ul>	
Richmond Ballet, Richmond, Virginia	2021-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Substitute/Extra Percussion</b></li> </ul>	
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Charlotte, North Carolina	2021-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Substitute/Extra Percussion</b></li> </ul>	
Richmond Symphony Orchestra, Richmond, Virginia	2019-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Substitute/Extra Percussion</b></li> </ul>	
Virginia Opera, Richmond, Virginia	2019-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Substitute Extra Percussion</b></li> </ul>	

## Orchestral Performance (Regional)

North Carolina Brass Band, Greensboro, North Carolina	2019-Present
• <b>Contract Section Percussion and Drum set Chair</b>	
Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, Raleigh, North Carolina	2018-Present
Florence Symphony Orchestra, Florence, South Carolina	2018-Present
• <b>Contract Section Percussion</b>	
Carolina Philharmonic, Pinehurst, North Carolina	2018-Present
Raleigh Symphony Orchestra, Raleigh, North Carolina	2018-Present
Durham Symphony Orchestra, Durham, North Carolina	2016-Present
Tar River Symphony Orchestra, Rocky Mount, North Carolina	2016-Present
Tar River Symphonic Band, Rocky Mount, North Carolina	2016-Present
Raleigh Civic Symphony, Raleigh, North Carolina	2016-Present
Triangle Brass Band, Raleigh, North Carolina	2015-2022
• <b>Contract Principal Percussion 2018-2022</b>	
Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra, Raleigh, North Carolina	2015-2022
Cory Band, Raleigh, North Carolina	2016, 2019
Triangle Wind Ensemble, Raleigh, North Carolina	2015-2016
Shenandoah Valley Youth Symphony and Children's Choir, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2014
U.S. Army Field Band, Washington D.C.	2014
National Capital Brass Band, Washington D.C.	2014
Massanutten Brass Band, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2013

## Musical Theater Performance

<b><i>Sister Act</i></b> - Percussion	
• North Carolina Theatre, MD: Eddy Robinson	
<b><i>On Your Feet!</i></b> - Percussion	
• North Carolina Theatre, MD: Eddy Robinson	
<b><i>Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Theatre Raleigh, MD: Joanna Li	
<b><i>Phantom of the Opera</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Oak City Playmakers, MD: Stephen Gourley	
<b><i>Chicago</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Ravenscroft School, MD: Cameron Bolin	
<b><i>Footloose</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Ravenscroft School, MD: Matt Parunak	
<b><i>Hymnsing Spectacular</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Louisburg Baptist Church, MD: Daniel Kehoe	
<b><i>Aida</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• William G. Enloe High School, MD: Robert Hunter	
<b><i>Cats</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Hempfield High School, MD: Alan Mudrick	
<b><i>Secret Garden</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Hempfield High School, MD: Alan Mudrick	
<b><i>Wizard of Oz</i></b> - Drumset/Percussion	
• Hempfield High School, MD: Alan Mudrick	

## Opera and Ballet Performance

<b><i>The Nutcracker</i></b> - Percussion	
• Richmond Ballet, MD: Erin Freeman	
<b><i>La Bohème</i></b> - Percussion	
• Greensboro Opera, MD: David Holley	
<b><i>Carmen</i></b> - Percussion	
• Virginia Opera, MD: Steven Smith	

## Movie/Film Performance

<b><i>Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back</i></b> - Percussion	
• Richmond Symphony, MD: Chia-Hsuan Lin	
<b><i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i></b> - Percussion	
• Richmond Symphony, MD: Chia-Hsuan Lin	

## **Church Performance**

Hayes Barton Baptist Festival Orchestra, Raleigh, North Carolina	2022
North Haven Church, Raleigh, North Carolina	2021-2022
• <b>House Drummer</b>	
Cary Community Choir, Cary, North Carolina	2021
Christ Baptist Festival Orchestra, Raleigh, North Carolina	2020
North Raleigh United Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina	2017-2020
Triangle Presbyterian Chamber Orchestra, Durham, North Carolina	2018-2019
Hillyer Memorial Christian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina	2018
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, Durham, North Carolina	2017
Garner United Methodist Church, Garner, North Carolina	2017
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina	2016
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Chamber Orchestra, Charlottesville, Virginia	2014

## **James Madison University Performance**

Valley Wind Ensemble, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2015
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2011-2015
• Wind Symphony	
• Brass Band	
• Percussion Ensemble	
• Steel Drum Band	
• Opera Orchestra	
• Marching Royal Dukes	
Mifflin Guard Fife and Drum Corps, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	2005-2015
Shenandoah Valley Youth Symphony and Children's Choir, Harrisonburg, Virginia	2014
Cadets 2 Drum and Bugle Corps, Allentown, Pennsylvania	2012-2013

## **Festival Performance**

North Carolina Music Educators Association, Winston-Salem, North Carolina	2022
Eastern Music Festival, Greensboro, North Carolina	2022
Percussive Arts Society International Convention	2021
American Choral Directors Association NC Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina	2019
North Carolina Percussion Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina	2019
Taipei World Percussion Championships, Taipei, Taiwan	2019
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Ft. Wayne, Indiana	2019
North Carolina Music Educators Association, Winston-Salem, North Carolina	2018
North Carolina Percussion Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina	2018
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Ft. Wayne, Indiana	2018
North Carolina Percussion Symposium, Raleigh, North Carolina	2017
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2016
College Band Directors National Association Conference, Nashville, Tennessee	2015
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2015
McCormick Marimba Festival, Tampa, Florida	2015
Vatican City New Year's Day Parade, Vatican City, Italy	2015
Virginia Music Educators Association Conference, Virginia Beach, Virginia	2014
Great American Brass Band Festival, Danville, Kentucky	2014
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Grand Rapids, Michigan	2014
Eastern Trombone Workshop, Fort Myer, Virginia	2014
Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, New York, New York	2013
North American Brass Band Association Championships, Cincinnati, Ohio	2013
American Music Abroad Burgundy Tour of Europe	2010

## **Publications**

<i>A Guide for the Modern Percussionist</i>	2022
• Comprehensive method book for percussion students grades 6-12	
• Published by Eastern Hill Music, Bristol, Connecticut	
<i>Traveling Sounds</i>	2022
• Percussion ensemble sextet	
• Published by Eastern Hill Music, Bristol Connecticut	
<i>Steel Mask</i>	2022
• Percussion ensemble trio	
• Published by Eastern Hill Music, Bristol, Connecticut	

## Recordings

<i>Galway Twilight</i>	2022
• Campbell University Percussion Ensemble, Buies Creek, North Carolina	
<i>Steel Mask</i>	2021
• Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, North Carolina	
<i>Galway Twilight</i>	2020
• Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, North Carolina	
<i>Music of the Stage and Screen</i>	2020
• NC Brass Band, Greensboro, North Carolina	
<i>Steel Mask</i>	2018
• Commissioned by Wayne Vaughn, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	
<i>Pass in Review</i>	2017
• Artifact Percussion Performance Spotlight, Raleigh, North Carolina	
<i>Shadowed</i>	2015
• Solo Euphonium and Brass Band, Richardsville, Virginia	
<i>James Madison University Wind Symphony</i>	2015
• James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	
<i>Spirits</i>	2013
• Percussion Ensemble, Vic Firth Spotlight, Harrisonburg, Virginia	
<i>James Madison University Marching Royal Dukes</i>	2011-2015
• James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	

## Honors/Awards

International Marimba Orchestra	2021
Taipei World Percussion Championships Solo Marimba Competition, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2019
NABBA Percussion Ensemble 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2019
• <b>Performed Steel Mask</b>	
Taiwan Percussion Arts Alliance Solo Competition Scholarship Winner	2019
NABBA Percussion Solo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2018
Sabian Ltd. Artist Endorsement	2018
Dynasty/Titan Artist Endorsement	2017
Artifact Percussion Artist Endorsement	2017
NABBA Percussion Ensemble 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2016
NABBA Percussion Ensemble 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Award, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2015
NABBA Percussion Ensemble 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award, Cincinnati, Ohio	2013
James Madison University Percussion Performance Scholarship	2011-2015

## Professional Affiliations

Percussive Arts Society
• <b>Treasurer of the North Carolina Chapter 2020-Present</b>
Atlantic Indoor Association
• <b>Secretary 2022</b>
American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
North American Brass Band Association
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

## Masterclasses and Clinics

2022 North Carolina Music Educators Conference
• A Survey of Middle School and High School Percussion Ensemble Literature
East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina
Hempfield High School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Centerville Middle School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
William G. Enloe High School, Raleigh, North Carolina
Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, North Carolina
Cary High School, Cary, North Carolina
Fuquay-Varina High School, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Green Hope High School, Cary, North Carolina
Ligon Middle School, Raleigh, North Carolina
Green Level High School, Cary, North Carolina
West Johnston High School, Benson, North Carolina
Cary Academy, Cary, North Carolina
Davis Drive Middle School, Cary, North Carolina
Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, North Carolina

## **Private Instruction**

**C. William Rice**, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

**Dr. Michael Overman**, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

**Marlon Foster**, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

## **Coursework**

### **James Madison University (Bachelor's, General Education Credits Excluded)**

Theories I and II: Aural Skills

Theories I and II: Writing/Analysis Techniques

Advanced Form and Analysis

Music History I-III

Contemporary Ethnomusicological Perspectives

Advanced Seminar in Musicological Topics (Improvisatory Techniques)

Percussion Ensemble Literature

Percussion Chamber Literature

Percussion Pedagogy

Basic Conducting

Intermediate Instrumental Conducting

Survey of the Music Industry

Keyboard Skills I-IV (KPE complete)