# Jennifer Gerth, Clarinet

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#### **Education**

### **DMA in Clarinet Performance**

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN ABD

Teacher: Burt Hara 1992-1995

Advisor: John Anderson

**MM in Clarinet Performance** 

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 1989

Teachers: Clark Brody, Russell Dagon, Robert Marcellus

**BA** in Music and Mathematics

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN 1988

Teacher: JoAnn Polley

**University Teaching Experience** 

Affiliate Faculty 2018-present

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Teach weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors

Coach woodwind chamber ensembles

- Mentor graduate students through the Dept of Educational Innovation
- Lead and co-lead weekly studio classes
- Brought in Internationally acclaimed artists to do masterclasses, recitals and mouthpiece clinics

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

2000-present

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

- Teach weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors
- Teach graduate students in music education
- Coach clarinet quartet and woodwind quintet
- Participate in the Chamber Winds Ensemble
- Co-hosted Wind Symposiums with Imani Winds, guest artists.

Studio Artist 1994-2019

Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

- Teach weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors
- Coach chamber music ensembles
- Teach woodwind methods (clarinet portion)
- Play in faculty woodwind quintet
- Teach studio classes

### **Clarinet Instructor**

Birch Creek Performance Center

2000-2014

- · Played beside and coached students in orchestra
- · Played in faculty ensembles

- · Taught individual lessons
- · Coached woodwind quintets and clarinet ensembles
- · Taught yoga and wellness seminars
- · Faculty soloist with orchestra

### **Adjunct Instructor**

1995-2000

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

- Taught weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors
- Coached chamber music ensembles
- Taught ear-training
- · Faculty soloist with band

# **Adjunct Faculty**

1994-1995

St. Cloud State University, St, Cloud, MN

Taught weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors

### **Clarinet Instructor**

1991-1995

College of St. Benedict and St. Johns University, St, Joseph, MN

- Taught weekly lessons to undergraduate majors and non-majors
- Played in faculty chamber ensembles
- Taught Woodwind methods (clarinet portion)
- Coached chamber ensembles
- Conducted clarinet choir

# **Teaching Assistant**

1992-1993

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Taught weekly lessons to undergraduate non-majors
- Prepared students for admittance into music major
- Organized and ran studio classes
- Organized and ran orchestral repertoire classes

# **Selected Solo and Chamber Music Performances**

Schubert Club Courtroom Concerts, February and April, 2019

Trio (Cl, Vla, Pno) recitals in Hastings and Northfield, February and May, 2019

**Soloist**, Duluth Symphony, 1999, 2004, 2016

Clarinetist, Festival of the Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 2000-present

Featured Soloist, AGO National Convention, Orchestra Hall, June, 2008

Soloist, Birch Creek Performance Center, 2004

Clarinetist, Music St. Croix 2000-present

Clarinetist and co-director, Prospect Park Chamber Players, 1998-2005

**Featured performer, "**From the Top" Radio show, 2000 (premiered clarinet Sonata by composer Teddy Niedermaier)

Principal Clarinet, Halama Wind Octet, 1994-2001

Soloist, Philomusica Chamber Orchestra, 1997, 1998, 1999

**Soloist**, University of Minnesota Orchestra, 1994

### **Selected Orchestral Experience**

Principal Clarinet, Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra, 1997-present

**Principal Clarinet**, Nutcracker Ballet, MN Dance Theater, 1997-present

Substitute Clarinet and Eb Clarinet, Minnesota Orchestra, 1995-present Substitute Clarinet (principal, 2nd and Eb), Minnesota Opera, 2013-present Clarinet, Mill City Opera, 2013-present Substitute Clarinet (principal and Eb), St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, 2005 Principal Clarinet, Philomusica Chamber Orchestra, 1995-2000 Principal Clarinet, Minnesota Contemporary Ensemble, 1995-1999 Principal Clarinet, Minnesota Opera's National Tour, Fall 1991 Freelance Musician, Twin Cities, 1990-present

#### **Awards and Honors**

Semi-finalist, McKnight Fellowship, 2008 Concerto Contest Winner, University of Minnesota, 1994 Teaching Assistantship, University of Minnesota, 1992-1993 Semi-finalist, WAMSO competition, 1991 Graduate Assistantship, Northwestern University, 1988-1989 Finalist, Schubert Club Competition, 1988

### Recordings

Duluth Symphony - Beethoven Symphonies 4, 7 and 8 Minnesota Orchestra - Exotic Dances from the Opera Minnesota Orchestra - Die Frau Ohne Schatten Minnesota Orchestra - Das Lied von der Erde Riverside Winds - The Lyrical Pickpocket (music of Eric Stokes) The Three Hermits Opera (Stephen Paulus)

## **Wellness and Injury Prevention Skills**

Certified Thai/Yoga Massage Therapist, 2013-present Mindful Movement Seminar Presenter, 2013-present Yoga for Musicians Teacher, 2010-2014 Alexander Technique Student, Babette Lightner

### **Business:**

Clargonomics - Designing ergonomically friendly neckstraps and thumb rests