

Ruth Lu Lin

Review from *the Washington Post*, June 18th, 2007

“Ruth Lin, who has her own small orchestra in Chicago, led Dvorak’s “Scherzo Capriccioso” (with the National Symphony Orchestra) with Vigor and authority.”

Education

Doctor of Music, Orchestral Conducting -December, 2009

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

Primary teacher: Victor Yampolsky

Other teachers: David Effron, Frederick Ockwell, Mallory Thompson, Robert Hasty, John Lynch.

Master of Music, Orchestral Conducting -June, 2005

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

Primary teacher: Victor Yampolsky

With focus in Music History and Music Theory, continued with piano performance through chamber music.

Bachelor of Music, Music Education and Music Technology -June, 2002

Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL

In addition, fulfilled most degree requirements in Piano Performance, was the winner of the Northwestern University School of Music Concerto Competition. Primary piano teachers include Alan Chow and Sylvia Wang. Minored in Composition and Conducting.

Teaching and Conducting Experience

2010-Present **Director of Symphony Orchestra at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**

Responsible for all musical activities of the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, one of the four international touring ensembles of the college. The orchestra consists of music and non-music majors who come from various academic areas. Teach Basic Conducting, Music Theory I and II, Orchestration and Music Arranging, and First Term Seminar in Film Music for first year students.

2020-Present **Conductor of Repertory Orchestra with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies, St. Paul, MN**

Responsible for one of four orchestra with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies, an organization that aims to enrich and inspire talented K-12 orchestral musicians by providing professional, comprehensive educational experiences, and thrills audiences with outstanding performances of orchestral repertoire.

2007-2009 **Director of Orchestral Activities at Iowa State University, Ames, IA**

Responsible for all orchestral activity, conducted the Iowa State University orchestra that consists of undergraduate and graduate students, both music and non-music major. Taught Beginning and Advance Conducting, Introduction to Music Education, and Introduction to Music Technology.

Awards

October 2019 **Master Teacher School Orchestra Award from Minnesota String & Orchestra Teachers Association**

Presentations

- January 2014 **Co-presenter at the College Orchestra Director Association 2014 national conference in Dallas Fort Worth, TX**
Presented on the topic of Strategies for Improving Recruitment and Repertoire Selection in the Small College (or College-Community) Orchestras

Publications

- November 2021 **Co-Author article for Association of Lutheran Church Musicians magazine, *In Tempo***
The Mutual Benefit of Involving Young String Players into Your Worship Service

Administrative Experience

- 2020-Present **Director of the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**
With an approximate budget of \$200,000, responsible for distributing travel and internal grants, working with five other faculty associates who focuses on different areas of faculty development to provide well-rounded programming that develops faculty as teachers and scholars.
- 2020-Present **Co-Chair of the Faculty Senate**
In addition to other duties, primarily serve as liaison between faculty and administration, primary long-range academic planning body of the faculty, and update Faculty Manual and Faculty Handbook

Additional Musical Experience

Master teacher

- August 2019 Master teacher at the Xiamen Chorus Association Conducting Masterclass
Taught eight conducting students from diverse musical backgrounds, including conservatory conducting students and current conducting professionals in collegiate settings through lessons that were open to auditors, supervised their rehearsals and concert with the Xiamen City Orchestra.

Orchestral Conductor

- March 2020 **Conductor of the Mankato String Festival**
Serve as the conductor of the 2020 high school string orchestra as part of the Mankato String Festival. The orchestra consisted of the students from both Mankato West and Mankato East High school
- October 2018 **Conductor of the North Dakota Orchestra Festival**
Served as the conductor of the 2018 North Dakota Orchestra Festival, which consisted of students who have won auditions for their spots from over ten different schools and areas of the state.
- August 2017 **Conductor of the Strings and Symphony Orchestra at the International Music camp**
A week-long summer music camp, working with middle and high school age students from around the world performing both string and symphonic repertoire.

- February 2017 **Conductor of the Northwest Suburban Conference Music Festival Orchestra**
Served as the conductor Northwest Suburban Conference Orchestra, which is made up of the top musical students from the high schools in this conference.
- October 2016 **Conductor of the South Dakota All-State Orchestra Festival** Served as the conductor of the 2016 All-State Orchestra, which consisted of talented students who have won auditions for their spots from all over the state.
- June 2016 **Conductor of Musica Sinfonietta, Penang Malaysia**
Guest Conductor of the Musician Sinfonietta as part of their music series, the orchestra is made up of music teachers and students in the Penang Area.
- March 2015 **Conductor of the Central Lake Conference All-Conference Orchestra**
Conductor of all conference orchestra, which consisted of string students recommended by the high school directors of Alexandria area, Brainerd, Sauk Rapids-Rice, St. Cloud Apollo and St. Cloud Technical high school.
- January 2015 **Conductor of the Wyoming All-State Orchestra, Sheridan, WY**
Served as the conductor of the 2015 All-State Orchestra, which consisted of students who have won auditions for their spots from over ten different schools and areas of the state.
- May 2014 **Conductor of the Iowa String Teachers Association High School Honors Orchestra**
The festival included Honor Orchestra for middle schools and high schools. I served as the conductor to the high school orchestra, which consisted of students from nearly twenty high schools in the state of Iowa.
- July 2013 **Conducting Fellow at the Juilliard Conducting Workshop for Music Educators, New York, NY**
One of the ten Conducting Fellows at the Juilliard Conducting Workshop for Music Educators; conduct orchestra or Juilliard students and worked with Virginia Allen, JoAnn Falletta, and Eugene Corporon.
- June 2012 **Orchestra Director of the Gustavus Summer Strings Music Institute, St. Peter, MN**
An intense one-week music program for high school students; responsible for musical activities of the institute's orchestra and taught musicianship class.
- March 2012 **Robbinsdale District-Wide Orchestra Festival, Robbinsdale, MN**
Served as guest conductor for the district-wide festival, working with students ranging from 4th to 6th grade orchestra students from various schools in the district, along with the joint Chamber Strings ensembles from both High Schools. The total number of students performing was approximately 600.
- February 2012 **Minnesota String Orchestra Teachers Association, (MNSOTA) Minneapolis, MN**
Guest Conductor of the (MNSOTA) Mid-level Honors Orchestra.

- March 2011 **Mankato State University Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert, Mankato, MN,**
Shared conducting duties with their regular conductor who was also featured as a soloist on this concert.
- March 2009 **Central Iowa Symphony, Ames, IA**
Guest conductor with this community orchestra on a concert featuring the winners from their Young People's Concerto/Aria Competition.
- August 2008 **Orchestra Director of Music Art and Technology Camp in Evanston, Wyoming**
An intense one-week program for junior high and high school students. Responsible for programming, rehearsals, and performances.
- June 2007 **Debut Conductor of The 2007 National Conducting Institute, Washington, D.C.**
Program created and directed by Leonard Slatkin and the National Symphony Orchestra to provide a unique opportunity for highly gifted emerging professional conductors. The program provides training in the administrative workings of major symphony orchestras as well as musical opportunities to work and perform with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Orchestral Clinician

November 2019 **Chaska and Chanhausen High School, Chaska, MN**
Clinic the orchestra from these growing programs

November 2019 **Edina High school, Edina, MN**
Clinic the top auditioned orchestra

October 2019 **Stillwater High School, Stillwater, MN**
Clinic the two top auditioned orchestra

October 2019 **Kennedy High School, Bloomington, MN**
Clinic the first-year and the auditioned orchestra

October 2019 **Osseo High School, Osseo MN**
Clinic the top auditioned orchestra

October 2019 **Armstrong High School, Plymouth, MN**
Clinic the first-year and the auditioned orchestra

October 2019 **Henry Sibley High School, Mendota Heights, MN**
Clinic the first-year and the auditioned orchestra

March 2019 **American String Teachers Association Orchestra Festival, Colorado Springs, Denver, and Fort Collins, CO.**
Clinic 24 high school and middle school orchestras from around the state

November 2018 **St. Cloud Technical High School, St. Cloud MN**

October 2018 **East Ridge High School, Woodbury, MN**

- March 2017 Clinic two high school orchestras
Lake Conference Orchestra Festival, Hopkins, MN
 Clinic with school orchestras in the lake conference, including Hopkins High School, Minnetonka High School, Edina High School, and Eden Prairie High School
- February 2017 **MNSOTA, MN**
 Clinician, Middle Level Orchestra Festivals at Wayzata MN, Fairbault, MN, and St. Cloud, MN working with various middle and high school orchestras from the twin cities and surrounding areas.
- March 2015 **Central Buck High School South, Warrington, PA**
 Rehearsed and clinic the Central Buck South High School Chamber Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour. The High School Orchestra also performed alongside GSO as part of their clinic.
- Oct. 2014 **Fairbanks Youth Symphony Orchestra, Fairbank, AK**
 Rehearse the youth orchestra as part of recruitment tour to Alaska. Then performed for the students in the youth orchestra with two Gustavus students.
- Sept. 2014 **Buffalo High School Orchestras, Buffalo, MN**
 Clinic two of the high school orchestras, brought along a music education student to give her some opportunities to both observe and do some teaching.
- April 2014 **Shared Concert with Mayo High School Orchestra, Rochester, MN**
 Rehearsed and clinic the Mayo High School Symphony Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour. The High School Orchestra also performed alongside GSO as part of their clinic.
- October 2013 **Shared Concert with Robbinsdale High School Orchestra, Plymouth, MN**
- February 2012 **Minnesota String Orchestra Teachers Association (MNSOTA)**
 Clinician with the Middle Level Orchestra Festivals at Hopkins Center for the Arts and Still Water Middle School.
- April 2011 **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra host Orchestra of Andover High School, MN**
 Conducted a clinic with the Andover High School Orchestra from Andover MN where our orchestra did a side-by-side rehearsal with their orchestra.
- March 2011 **Central High School, Omaha, NE**
 Conducted a clinic with the Washington High School Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour.
- March 2011 **Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA**
 Conducted a clinic with the Washington High School Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour.
- March 2011 **Ames High School, Ames, IA**

Conducted a clinic with the Washington High School Orchestras as part of the symphony orchestra spring tour.

- March 2011 **Lake Conference Orchestra Festival, Hopkins, MN**
Lake conference includes the high schools of Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Wayzata.
- February 2011 **Minnetonka High School, Minnetonka, MN**
Served as a clinician to their three high school orchestras.
- February 2011 **MNSOTA, Minneapolis, MN**
Clinician, Middle Level Orchestra Festivals at Monticello High School, Monticello, MN and East Ridge High School, Woodbury, MN.
- October 2010 **South High School, Minneapolis, MN**
Served as clinician with the two orchestras at the South High School.

Choral Conductor

- 2006-2007 **Community Christian Church, Lincolnshire, IL**
Music Director of the church's choir.
- 2003-2004 **Northwestern University Chapel Choir, Evanston, IL**
Assistant Conductor to this choir made up of both music and non-music majors students from Northwestern University.

Opera Conductor

- 2003-2005 **Operamoda, Chicago, IL**
Guest Conductor of radio productions

Pianist

- Oct. 2014 **Various High Schools in Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK**
Toured with two Gustavus Students as part of a recruitment tour performing chamber music.
- Oct. 2014 **Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**
Performed with fellow faculty members as part of the President Inaugural Concert
- Sept. 2014 **Buffalo High School, Buffalo, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Hopkins High School Orchestra.
- May 2014 **Henry Sibley High School, Mendota Heights, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Hopkins High School Orchestra.
- April 2014 **Northwestern University Faculty Recital, Evanston, IL**
Guest artist as part of Kurt Hansen's Faculty Recital, performed music of Brahms.

- April 2013 **Northwestern University Faculty Recital, Evanston, IL**
Guest artist as part of Kurt Hansen's Faculty Recital, performed music of Lutoslawski.
- Oct. 2013 **South High School, Minneapolis, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for South High School Orchestras.
- Nov. 2012 **Hopkins High School, Minnetonka, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Hopkins High School Orchestra.
- October 2012 **Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, Plymouth, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Armstrong High School Orchestra and Choirs. A current member of the symphony orchestra came along to speak to the students at Armstrong since she is an alumni of the high school.
- October 2012 **Gustavus Adolphus College, visit of King and Queen of Sweden, St. Peter, MN**
Performed at the Luncheon for the King and Queen with the faculty trio as part of the musical gift from the College.
- Sept. 2012 **Wayzata High School, Plymouth, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for students of the Wayzata High School Orchestras.
- October 2011 **Mankato West High School, Mankato, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Mankato West High School Band and Orchestra.
- October 2011 **Edina High School, Edina, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Edina High School Band and Orchestra.
- Sept. 2011 **Northwestern University Faculty Recital, Evanston, IL**
Guest artist as part of Kurt Hansen's Faculty Recital, performing music of Debussy.
- Sept. 2011 **Minnetonka High School, Minnetonka, MN**
Recruiting event, performed Bruch Concerto for Clarinet and Viola with fellow faculty members for Minnetonka High School Orchestra
- August 2011 **Musician's Club of Women Series, Chicago, IL**
Performed at the Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago IL, as member of the Chicago Piano Vocal Score performing Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes Op. 52 & 65.
- May 2011 **Gustavus Adolphus College Chamber Music Concert, St. Peter, MN**
Guest artist, served as pianist with a student woodwind quintet.

- January 2011 **St. John's Chapel at Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights, IL**
As member of the Chicago Piano Vocal Score, performed Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op. 52 & 65.
- January 2011 **Northwestern University Faculty Recital, Evanston, IL**
Guest artist as part of Kurt Hansen's Faculty Recital, performed music of Mendelssohn and Brahms.
- Sept 2010 **St. Paul Chapel Concerts Presents, Chicago, IL**
As member of the Chicago Piano Vocal Score performing Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op. 52 & 65.
- 2008-2009 **Atlas Trio, Ames, IA**
A flute oboe piano trio that performed a diverse program in various Midwest Universities
- March 2007 **Dame Myra Hess Series, Chicago, IL**
Performed as part of the Lin-Kontorovitch Piano Duo on this highly competitive performances series. The series is broadcasted live weekly on the premiere Chicago Classical Radio Station WFMT)
- Nov. 2002 **Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, Evanston, IL**
Performed as a soloist with the orchestra as one of the Winner of the Northwestern University School of Music Concerto Competition
- March 2000 **Solo Piano Recital, Evanston, IL**
Performed works of Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, Liszt

College and Professional Organization Activities

- 2019-Present **Faculty Associate for New Faculty Programming at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**
Responsible for all programming for new faculty, including new faculty orientation, monthly session for new faculty on various topics, and setting up mentor partners for new faculty.
- Spring 2019 **Co-chair search committee for academic deans**
Co-lead a committee of over ten faculty and administrative staff to review over 100 applications that lead to the successful hiring of two academic deans.
- 2014-2016 **Planning Leadership Team, Gustavus Adolphus College**
Serve as one of five faculty members advising the president's office on Strategic Planning.
- 2013-Present **First Term Seminar Advisory board, Gustavus Adolphus College**
Serve as the Fine Arts Representative on faculty committee that advises the First Term Seminar Director on academic and administrative issue regarding the first term seminar curriculum.
- 2013-Present **Writing Across the Curriculum, Gustavus Adolphus College**
Serve as the Fine Arts Representative on faculty committee that advises

the Writing Across the Curriculum Director on the most effective implementation of learning through writing

2013-Present **College Orchestra Directors Association**

Active member of this organization dedicated to the advancement of Orchestral music in the college/university setting. Co-presented at the 2013 conference “Achieving Critical Mass—Strategies for Improving Recruitment and Repertoire Selection in Small College (or College-Community) Orchestra.”