**Alexander Strader**

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**Professional Summary:**

I am an up and coming musician in the Dallas-Fort Worth area performing on soprano clarinets, bass clarinet, and sheng (Chinese mouth organ). At the beginning of my clarinet career I studied under Steven Girko (Austin Symphony: Principal Clarinetist) for seven years to develop my skills. When I started my pursuit of higher education at the University of North Texas I became a student of Dr. John Scott and later Dr. Philip Paglialonga to further refine my playing on the clarinet as well as develop adoration for the bass clarinet. During this time I became involved with Chinese music in the Jiangnan Shizu (Silk-Bamboo) style. I am currently working on a graduate degree in clarinet performance as well as teaching privately throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area with students obtaining success at TMEA All-State auditions.

**Teaching History:**

Clarinet instructor for Cleburne ISD: Fall 2017- present

Primarily responsibilities include: private lessons, masterclasses, preparing Bb and Bass clarinet students for TMEA All State auditions with success in both categories.

Clarinet instructor at Rockwall High School: Fall 2018- present

Primarily responsibilities include: private lessons, masterclasses, preparing Bb and Bass clarinet students for TMEA All State auditions with success in both categories.

**Education and Music Opportunities:**

**University of North Texas, Denton Texas**

Currently working in the Studio of Dr. Phillip Paglialonga towards a Master of Music degree in Clarinet Performance with a related field in Ethnomusicology.

**University of North Texas, Denton Texas**

Graduated 2017: Bachelor of Music, Distinguished Honors Scholar, Magna Cum Laude

Major: Clarinet Performance in the Studio of Dr. John Scott

Minor: Entrepreneurship in the College of Business Honors Program

**Undergraduate Performance Groups:**

UNT Wind Symphony (Principal Bass Clarinet)

UNT Symphonic Band

UNT Chinese Ensemble (Performances: Houston, TX and Denver, CO)

UNT Brazilian Ensemble

**Smithson Valley High School, Spring Branch, Texas**

Graduated 2013 with Honors

Performed in Smithson Valley Marching Band and Smithson Valley Symphonic Band (Principal Bb clarinet), TMEA Area (E) Orchestra (Principal Bb clarinet) and TMEA Area (E) Band

**Other Performance/Collaboration Opportunities:**

Judged TMEA All-Region Phase One auditions

Huayun Orchestra, Confucius Institute at University of Texas, Dallas (Sheng) 2015 - present

American Wind Symphony Orchestra (Bass Clarinet) Illinois, June, 2017

Music in the Mountains, Music Festival: Durango, CO, Summer of 2016

Cactus Pear Music Festival, Young Artist Program, San Antonio, Summer of 2013

Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, Philharmonic Orchestra; 3 years, including International Tour: England and Wales, Summer 2012

Music Camp, University of Texas, Austin, Summers of 2010 and 2011