

Vanessa Klassen, *clarinet*

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Education

- » The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: Doctor of Musical Arts in Clarinet Performance 2019-present
Expected graduation: May 2022
- » The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: Master of Music in Clarinet Performance 2016-2018
- » Brandon University, Brandon, MB: Bachelor of Music in Clarinet Performance 2012-2016
Graduated with greatest distinction, awarded the silver medal in the B. Mus. (performance) degree

Principal Teachers

- » Dr. Caroline Hartig, OSU 2016-present
- » Dr. Catherine Wood, BU 2012-2016
- » Steve Mealey, Kindersley, SK 2004-2012

Professional Experience

- » Westerville Symphony: E-flat clarinet 2019
- » Saskatoon Symphony: 2nd/bass clarinet 2018-2019
- » BU Clarinet Festival: guest artist/lecturer 2019
- » Klarinet Kerfuffle (Saskatoon): artist/lecturer 2019

Additional Ensemble Experience

- » The Ohio State University Orchestra: principal, second, and E-flat clarinet 2017-present
- » The Ohio State University Wind Symphony: E-flat clarinet 2016-present
- » The Ohio State University Clarinet Ensemble 2016-present
 - International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest (Orlando, FL): guest performer 2017
- » National Youth Orchestra of Canada: principal, second, E-flat, and bass clarinet 2019
- » Brandon University Orchestra: principal, second, and E-flat clarinet 2014-2016
 - Mahlerfest: under direction of Julian Pellicano (Resident Conductor of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) 2015
- » Brandon University Symphonic Band 2012-2016
- » Brandon University Clarinet Choir 2012-2016
 - International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest (Baton Rouge, LA): guest performer 2014
- » National Youth Band of Canada: co-principal and E-flat clarinet 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

Masterclasses

- » Reinhard Wieser, Principal Clarinet of Vienna Symphony Orchestra (Ohio State masterclass) 2019
- » Elsa Ludewig-Verdehr, Verdehr Trio (Ohio State masterclass) 2019
- » James Campbell, Indiana University (National Youth Orchestra of Canada masterclass) 2019
- » José Franch-Ballester, U of British Columbia (National Youth Orchestra masterclass) 2019
- » Henri Bok, Dutch Bass Clarinetist (Ohio State masterclass) 2018
- » Jonathan Cohler, Boston Conservatory (International ClarinetFest masterclass) 2017
- » James Campbell, Indiana University (Brandon University Clarinet Festival masterclass) 2016
- » Connie Gitlin, Vancouver-Based Clarinetist (BU Clarinet Festival masterclass) 2015
- » Joaquin Valdepeñas, Toronto Symphony Orchestra (BU Clarinet Festival masterclass) 2014
- » Lori Freedman, Montréal-Based Bass Clarinetist (Brandon University masterclass) 2014
- » Dr. Caroline Hartig, The Ohio State University (BU Clarinet Festival masterclass) 2013

Competitions and Awards

- » Woodwind representative of Saskatchewan, National Music Festival of Canada 2016
- » Albert Johnson Memorial Trophy, Brandon Festival of the Arts 2015, 2016
- » Honourable mention, Brandon University concerto competition 2015
- » Third place, chamber group representative of Manitoba, National Music Festival of Canada 2015
- » First place, intermediate woodwinds, Saskatchewan Provincial Music Festival 2010, 2011