

Kate Warren

Hornist | Educator

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Education

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Doctor of Music, French Horn Performance

Exp. 2028

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Master of Musical Arts, French Horn Performance

2023

The New School, New York, NY
Master of Music, French Horn Performance

2021

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Bachelor of Music with Honors, French Horn Performance
Private instructors: Michelle Stebleton, Erik Ralske, William Purvis

2019

Professional Teaching Appointments

Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ

2024 - 2025

College Lecturer II - Music

- OCC Jazz Band director: Conducted, rehearsed, and oversaw operations including sold out concerts, community performances, and collaborations with campus organizations.
- Hosted interdisciplinary events and performances.
- Supervised adjunct faculty and advised undergraduate students.
- Participated in faculty meetings, outreach, and service to the school.
- Courses Taught:
 - Applied Brass (Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba)
 - Music Theory I
 - Music Fundamentals
 - Ear Training/Sight Singing I
 - Music Appreciation [Survey of Music History]
 - World Music
 - Introduction to Jazz History
 - Jazz Band I and II

Professional Teaching Appointments (continued)

Private Lessons Instructor 2019 - Present

- Develop advanced brass playing techniques, design curriculum, and teach weekly lessons for horn, trumpet and mellophone students.
- Student successes include:
 - Graduate Teaching Assistantship and full tuition waiver at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
 - Winner - *Ithaca College Concerto Competition*
 - Winner - *New Haven Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition*
 - 2024 Connecticut All State Band - High School (3 students)
 - 2024 CT Southern Region Band - Middle & High (4 students)
 - Perfect scores on *Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University*, State Conservatory, High School 1st and 2nd grade exams
 - Distinction rated ABRSM exams for Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7

Adjunct Brass Instructor - *Cheshire Academy*, Cheshire, CT 2023 - 2024

- Taught weekly lessons and sectionals to trumpet and horn players.

Teaching Artist - *Yale University Music in the Schools Initiative*, New Haven, CT 2021 - 2023

- Taught private lessons and ran weekly sectional rehearsals with middle and high school public school students.

French Horn Teaching Artist - Conn & Selmer 2022

- Wrote and recorded two years worth of lessons and educational videos on horn playing for beginning music students.
- Curriculum is available through Smart Music/Make Music Cloud, and musicprofessor.com (owned by Conn & Selmer).

French Horn Teaching Artist - Dallas Brass 2020

- Presented masterclasses and clinics
- Developed musicianship and performance skills in college and high school age music students.

University Teaching Experience

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 2025 - Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Develop advanced brass playing techniques, design curriculum, and teach applied horn lessons to undergraduate music majors.
- Conduct, rehearse, and oversee operations of FSU Horn Choir.
- Design and execute studio curriculum and operations in collaboration with other Graduate Assistants while major professor is on sabbatical.

Yale University Music in Schools Initiative, New Haven, CT

2023 - 2024

Yaffe Postgraduate Teaching Fellow

- Year-long fellowship working within public school system.
- Conducted, rehearsed, and oversaw operations of “All-City Ensembles”:
 - Concert band
 - Mariachi ensemble
 - Salsa band
- Established community relationships by developing public partnerships and concert opportunities.
- Visited district schools weekly to provide classroom support, supplementary music activities, private lessons, and sectional rehearsals.

Invited Masterclasses

University of Central Florida. *Florida French Horn Festival*, Orlando, FL

April 2026

High Range Magic Thrive Program. Studio of Mars Gelfo, Online

May 2025

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. *Horn Fest*, Stevens Point, WI

April 2025

University of the Pacific. Stockton, CA

Feb 2025

Ocean County College. Toms River, NJ

Dec 2024

Blast! clinics with:

- Nan'yō Middle School, Nan'yō, Japan
- Nan'yō High School, Nan'yō, Japan

June 2024

June 2024

Wichita State University. Wichita, KS

April 2024

The University of South Alabama. Mobile, AL

April 2023

The University of New Hampshire. Durham, NH

April 2023

Dallas Brass clinics with:

- University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN
- Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College, Tifton, GA
- Telfair County High School Band, McRae-Helena, GA
- Hastings Middle School, Hastings, MN
- Grandview High School, Milwaukee, WI

Feb 2020

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Lectures Presented

Social Media & Music Careers

Furman University

Oct 2025

International Women’s Brass Conference. Hartford, CT

May 2025

University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point, *Horn Fest*. Stevens Point, WI

April 2025

International Women’s Brass Conference Mentorship Program

Feb 2025

University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS

April 2024

Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS

April 2024

Wichita State University. Wichita, KS

April 2024

Youngstown State University. Youngstown, OH

March 2024

University of Akron. Akron, OH

Feb 2024

<i>Starting Brass Players Off Right!</i> Training workshop for the 2023 New Haven Public Schools Arts Conference . New Haven, CT	Sept 2023
<i>Demystifying Electronic Music</i> Lecture and Recital at the Yale School of Music . New Haven, CT	April 2022
<i>Where are the Women Brass Players in Academia?</i> Presentation for the 53rd International Horn Symposium	Aug 2021
<i>Female Brass Players Don't Exist.</i> North West Horn Symposium North East Horn Workshop South East Horn Workshop Music Library Association , Greater NY chapter. New York, NY	April 2021 March 2021 March 2021 Nov 2020
<i>Audition 101 - making the most of auditions in drum corps and in real life</i> The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps	Nov 2020

Professional Performance Experience - Orchestral

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra , principal	2025 - present
Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra , 4th horn	2025 - present
Mobile Symphony Orchestra , utility	2025 - present
Panama City Symphony , utility	2026
Tallahassee Community Choir , utility	2019, 2026
Panama City Ballet , utility	2025
South Georgia Ballet , utility	2025
Blast! , featured horn soloist	2024
New Haven Symphony Orchestra , utility	2024
Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra , utility	2022, 2024
Yale Camerata , utility	2021 - 2024
Hotchkiss Philharmonic , utility	2023 - 2024
Danbury Symphony Orchestra , utility	2024
Norwalk Symphony Orchestra , utility	2022 - 2023
Yale Medical School Orchestra , utility	2023
Villages Philharmonic , utility	2021
Brevard Symphony Orchestra (Florida), utility	2021
Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra , utility	2021
Gainesville Orchestra , utility	2020 - 2021

Dallas Brass - Interim horn/flugelhorn	2020
Symphony of Westchester , utility	2020
Patriot Brass , utility	2019 - 2020
North Eastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic , utility	2019 - 2020
Sinfonia Gulf Coast , section horn	2018 - 2019
Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra , 2nd horn	2017 - 2019
Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra , 3rd horn	2017 - 2019
Regina Opera , utility	2019
Panama City Pops , utility	2016 - 2017

Professional Performance Experience - Solo Appearances

Florida French Horn Festival , <i>University of Central Florida</i> - Solo recital	April 2026
Florida State University Symphonic Band , under direction of Dr. David Plack <i>Golden Hour</i> , horn and wind band by Cait Nishimura	Feb 2026
Horn Fest , <i>The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point</i> - Solo recital	April 2025
The University of the Pacific - Solo recital	Feb 2024
Ocean County College - Faculty recital	Dec 2024
Yale Camerata Hymn Festival under direction of Dr. Felicia Barber <i>In Remembrance</i> , solo horn, piano, and SSAATTBB choir by Jeffery Ames	May 2024
The University of New Hampshire - Solo recital	April 2023
Yale Concert Band , under the direction of Dr. Thomas Duffy <i>Shades of Red</i> , mellophone concerto by Ryan Williams	Feb 2023
Versicolor New Music Showcase <i>"The Veil"</i> , solo horn and electronics by Sue Jean Park	Nov 2022
New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival <i>"The Veil"</i> , solo horn and electronics by Sue Jean Park	June 2022
Octeto Femenino do Brasil <i>Concerto No 2 in E flat</i> , K. 417, mov 1 by Mozart	2021
High Dive Gainesville - Opening solo act for <i>The Savants of Soul</i>	2021
The Gift of Music - <i>Nocturno</i> by Franz Strauss	2021

Awards and Honors

Awardee	Fred & Sally Kreimer Endowed Fund	2025
Grant Recipient	The Puffin Foundation Ltd.	2024
Finalist	Woolsey Concerto Competition	2023
Awardee	Virginia Belding Apprenticeship Award	2022
2nd Place	Southeast Horn Workshop 2018 Solo Competition	2018
2nd Place	Florida MTNA solo competition, Brass division	2018
Finalist	Southeast Horn Workshop 2017 Solo Competition	2017

Publications

"Benefits and Applications of Sight Reading for Musicians" *The MakeMusic Blog*. January 2024.

"Crafting a Better Brass Section: 3 Ways to Encourage Better Sound Quality from your Brass Players." *The MakeMusic Blog*. September 2023.

3 Week Fundamentals Boot Camp, self published, www.katewarrenmusic.com. August 2023.

"The Art of Mellophone Playing." *The Horn Call*. Vol. LIII, No. 1 (77-79) October 2022.

"Where are the Women Brass Professors? Reports on women teaching in applied brass positions in the United States" - *in progress*, currently under peer review.

The Kate Warren French Horn Routine, self published, www.katewarrenmusic.com. Nov. 2021.

Additional Teaching Experience

Creator/Manager of @katewarrenmusic on Instagram/TikTok/YouTube 2020 - Present

- Create and share free educational music.
- Partner with music industry leaders to promote music education.
- Engage in discussions about brass playing, musicianship, and diversity and representation in music.
 - 25,000+ followers
 - ~750,000 monthly audience

Brass Staff

2021 - 2025

- Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps. La Cross, WI
- Connecticut Hurricanes Drum and Bugle Corps (2022 Brass Award). Seymour, CT
- Hawthorn Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps. Hawthorne, NJ

Visual Staff

2019 - 2023

- Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps (2023 Visual Award). Concord, CA
- Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps. Fort Mill, SC
- The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps. Tempe, AZ

Marching Band Staff

2019 - 2022

- University of New Haven. New Haven, CT
- Mount DeSales Academy. Macon, GA
- Camden County High School. Camden, GA
- Eastside High School. Gainesville, FL

Service

Podcast co-host - <i>The Horn Call</i> - International Horn Society	2025 - Present
- Co-hosts official podcast of the International Horn Society.	
- Interviews hornists of note to share conversations with the global horn playing community.	
Social Media Coordinator - International Horn Society	2024 - Present
- Creates compelling content across all social media platforms, aligning with organizational values, sales objectives, and product launches.	
- Implements content strategies that enhances brand visibility and engages target audiences.	
Mentor	2024 - Present
- International Women's Brass Conference Mentorship Program	
- Carolina Crown Alumni Mentorship Program	
Competition Judge	2025
- International Women's Brass Conference: Solo Competition CAT 1	
Audition Judge	2023 - 2025
- Tri-State Band Festival, <i>Florida State University</i>	
- Women Composers Festival of Hartford	
- Connecticut Southern Region High School Festival	
- Connecticut Southern Region Middle School Festival	
Assistant Director - Versicolor New Music	2022-2023
- Planned, programmed, and scheduled concerts.	
- Coordinated with venues.	
- Led recruitment and outreach to expand the ensemble.	

Commissions, Consortium, and Premieres

Commissions:

<i>Video Game Vespers</i> - for horn and fixed media, Aaron Levin	2025
<i>And the World Moved</i> - for horn and tape, Angela Elizabeth Slater	2025
Premiered November 2025	
<i>Hyper Train</i> - for mellophone and fixed media, Liam Kornoley	2023
Premiered October 2023	
<i>Squaw Cave Etude</i> - for horn and fixed media, Benjamin Webster	2022
Premiered December 2022	
<i>Expectations</i> - for computer and audience, Kate Warren	
Premiered Spring 2022	

Your being at the tender mercy of others (i) - for horn and fixed media, Isaac Barzo
Premiered Spring 2019

2019

Consortium:	2026
<i>The Fall</i> - for two horns and fixed media, James Naigus	2025
<i>Golden Hour</i> - for horn and concert band, Cait Nishimura	2025
<i>Diversify the Stand: The Chroma Collection</i> -2-part flex instruments and piano, various	2025
<i>Wonder of a Child</i> - for brass quintet, Kevin King	2025
<i>As a Woman Thinketh</i> - for brass ensemble, Cybil Haskins	2025
<i>In Spite Of...</i> - for brass quintet, Aliyah Danielle	2025
<i>Expansions: Volume 1</i> - for unaccompanied horn, Aliyah Danielle	2024
'verbatim' - for horn octet and fixed media, Aliyah Danielle	2024
<i>Green Sky</i> - for brass quintet & backing track, Madison Anglin	2023
<i>Odyssey</i> - for two horns and fixed media, James Naigus	

Press & Speaking Engagements

Blackstrad Blog: How They Won - with Kate Warren, Horn , Mercedes Smith. www.blackstrad.com .	Oct 2025
Fem Forte Podcast , Season 3 ep. 4, Amanda DeFrees	June 2025
The Holistic Horn , ep 8, Mars Gelfo	March 2025
The Horn Signal Episode #3: Kate Warren , Preston Shepard for Bob Reeves Brass	Dec 2024
The Horn Call Podcast: Kate Warren , Episode 50, James Boldin for The International Horn Society	Aug 2024
The Musician Toolkit: Instrument Spotlight French Horn (with Kate Warren) , ep. 67, David Lane	March 2024
The Classical Musicians Network: Panel Discussion - Emerging Artists, the Next Generation , Alexandria Crinchlow	Sept 2023
HERo Talk Podcast: Kate Warren Talk , Darrian Lee	Aug 2023
Bold as Brass Podcast: social media & entrepreneurship , Melissa Brown	June 2023

Meet Kate Warren French Horn Player & Music Educator, <i>Shoutout LA</i>, Mike Bhand. www.shoutoutla.com .	Feb 2023
Outside the Bachs Podcast ep. 5: Content Creation and the French Horn Routine, Kelly Riordan	Jan 2023
Project 440: Music in Color , interview on Social Media and classical music by the Youth Advocacy Council and School District of Philadelphia.	Nov 2022
The Female Star Show ep 9, Women in Instrumental Music	Aug 2022
5 Music Teachers Share The Transformative Power Of Music Education, Grammy , Brittany Chambers, www.grammy.com .	April 2022
Nobody Explains , interviews with composers and performers.	April 2022
Music HERstory Podcast ep. 67: Where are the Women? Casidy Reed	Feb 2022
Bold as Brass Podcastathon: Online Resources with Kate Warren and Peter Freeman , Melissa Brown	Jan 2022
Not Your Average Musician Podcast ep 41: Representation for Women & Failing Upwards , Issac Hernandez & Dalton McLaughlin	May 2021
Representation of women in classical music sees increase, but overall imbalance remains , <i>The DePaulia</i> , Corey Schmidt	March 2021