

SAMANTHA WHELAN KOTKAS, Trumpet

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EDUCATION

University of Calgary (Jeanette Panagapka, Professor)	Kodaly Technique	1997-1998
Banff Centre for the Arts	Artist in Residence	1996-1997
University of Houston (James Austin, Professor of Trumpet)	Master of Music	1993-1995
University of Calgary (Howard Engstrom, Professor of Trumpet)	Bachelor of Music with Distinction	1989-1993
	Secondary Education	
Northwestern University (Vincent Cichowicz, Professor of Trumpet)	Trumpet Master Classes	1992

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Red Deer Symphony Orchestra, second trumpet
Northern Lights Brass Quintet
Calgary Bach Society
Altius Brass
Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, substitute
Orquesta Sinfonica de Minería, substitute
Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, substitute
Boris Brott National Academy Orchestra
National Youth Orchestra of Canada
Texas Music Festival Orchestra
Winner of the University of Calgary's Concerto Competition

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ambassador for the National Arts Centre of Canada, January 2006 - present
Created and performed *Winter Solstice* – a children's orchestral production, March 2006 with the CPO
Keynote Speaker for the Young Writers of Calgary Conference, April 2003
Artist in Residence at Forest Lawn High School, September - October 2001, September - October 2002
Headliner for the National Symposium on Arts Education, July 2001
Keynote Speaker for the Young Audiences of Houston, June 2001
Headliner for the Canmore Children's Festival, May 2001
Private Instructor of the Trumpet, September 1989 - present
Arts Smarts Artist - Ranchlands Elementary, September 1999 - May 2000, September 2000 - May 2001
C.A.P.E.S. (Calgary Arts Partnership in Education Society) Artist, 1998 - present
Texas Music Festival - Orchestra Manager, June 1999, June 2000
Creative Consultant for the Banff Centre Music Makers Program, 1997 - 2002
Clinician/Guest Conductor in the Alberta area, 1996- present
Teaching Assistant for the University of Houston, September 1993 - 1995
Responsibilities: Brass Chamber Music - Director
Music Literature - Teaching Assistant
Teacher at the Leighton Foundation for the Arts in Calgary AB, May - August 1993, May - June 1994

RECORDINGS

CHRISTMASTIDE featuring "O Wonderous Night", a story by Samantha Whelan Kotkas, CBC Radio Two: Alberta in Concert, 2002
Rocky Mountain Fairy Tales CD, created and narrated by Samantha Whelan Kotkas, Storyfair Productions, 2000
The Music of Percy Grainger: Vol. II & Vol. III, University of Houston Wind Ensemble
University of Houston at the Meyerson, University of Houston Wind Ensemble

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Hirsch Memorial Scholarship, 1993 - 1995
Rhodes Scholarship Alberta Finalist, 1993