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## **EDUCATION**

**Rostov State Rakhmaninov Conservatoire (Academy), Russia** 2006 - 2010  
Master of Music Degree (M.M.): Composition, Teaching Composition  
Diploma with Honors

Master of Music Degree (M.M.): Teaching Instrumental Performance (Piano) 2000 - 2005  
Artist of the Chamber Ensemble, Concertmaster

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Youth Performing Arts School** 2017 – Present  
**Founder and Owner of GSK Music, LLC** 2017 – Present  
**Louisville Academy of Music** 2015 – 2021  
**University of Louisville, School of Music** 2019 – 2020  
**Self-Employed** 2010 – 2017

**Rostov State Rakhmaninov Conservatoire (Academy), Russia**  
**Teaching Assistant to Professor Galina Gontarenko in "Composition"** 2008 - 2010  
Taught international students in need of additional lessons.

**Concertmaster in the Department of Symphonic Conducting** 2006 - 2008  
Sight read piano-adapted scores for student rehearsals.

**Teaching Assistant to Professor Natalia Simonova in "Applied Piano"** 2003 - 2005  
Taught students in the Lyceum program at the Conservatoire

**Children's Development Center, Rostov-on-Don, Russia** 2007 - 2010  
Music Teacher developed curriculum

**School of Music named for Ippolitov-Ivanov, Rostov-on-Don, Russia** 2006 - 2010  
Piano Teacher, Teacher of Music Theory and Composition

**School of Music named for S.S. Prokofiev, Rostov-on-Don, Russia** 2005 - 2006  
Piano Teacher, Concertmaster, Choir Conductor

**S. Agababov School of Music, Kaspiysk, Russia** 1997 – 2000  
Piano Teacher

## **AWARDS**

**“Best Soundtrack” for soundtrack “You Are Not Alone” Los Angeles Film Awards (CA, USA)** 2021  
**“Best Film Score – Soundtrack” for soundtrack “You Are Not Alone” by Cult Critic** 2021  
Movie Awards (Kolkata, India)

**“Best Jazz Track” for soundtrack “Californian Vacation” by International Music Contest** 2021  
**“Tracks Music Awards” (CA, USA)**

**“Top-Ranked Teacher” by the European Association of Culture for commendable contributions** 2021  
as a music teacher (Russia)

**Diploma “For Outstanding Work as a Teacher” by the International Composition** 2021  
Competition named after S. Prokofiev  
(Chelyabinsk, Russia)

**Diploma for the Teacher of National Winner of Composition Competition by Music Teachers** 2021  
National Association  
(USA)

**Diploma for the Teacher of National Finalist of Composition Competition by Music Teachers** 2021  
National Association

(USA)	
<b>First Place Laureate at the International Composition Competition named after S. Prokofiev</b> (Chelyabinsk, Russia)	<b>2021</b>
<b>Grant from Funds for the Arts</b> (KY, USA)	<b>2021</b>
<b>Finalist of "Out of the Can International Film Festival" in category "The Best Soundtrack"</b> (Alfreton, UK)	<b>2020</b>
<b>Winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Research on Contemporary Composition Conference</b> (GA, USA)	<b>2020</b>
<b>"The Best Music Video" award by Film Contest</b> (USA)	<b>2020</b>
<b>"The Best Music" award by Five minutes of Fame International Movie Festival</b> (VA, USA)	<b>2020</b>
<b>Winner of the International Alliance for Women in Music 2021 Annual Concert</b> (USA)	<b>2020</b>
<b>Diploma for the Teacher of National Winner of Composition Competition by Music Teachers National Association</b> (USA)	<b>2020</b>
<b>Diploma of Gratitude for Talent and Service to Art by the Union of Russian Composers</b> (Russia)	<b>2019</b>
<b>Laureate of Composition Competition named after S.A. Agababov</b> (Makhachkala, Russia)	<b>2019</b>
<b>Diploma "For the Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Professional Musical Art"</b> (Makhachkala, Russia)	<b>2019</b>
<b>"Commissioned Composer" Annual Award Recipient by Kentucky Music Teacher Association</b> (KY, USA)	<b>2019</b>
<b>Third Place Laureate of the "5<sup>th</sup> International Composer Competition named after S. Prokofiev"</b> (Chelyabinsk, Russia)	<b>2018</b>
<b>Diploma for the music for the documentary "You Are Not Alone!"</b> (Oryol, Russia)	<b>2017</b>
<b>CD "My Way" is pronounced by "Ablaze Records" as one of the best CDs to be posted and published</b> (OH, USA)	<b>2016</b>
<b>Winner of "Fifteen-Minutes-Of-Fame: Re-Imagining Schubert"</b> (NY, USA)	<b>2015</b>
<b>Diploma for the "Music On The Lyrics Of Classical And Contemporary Poets" Competition "Choir Laboratory XXI Century"</b> (St. Petersburg, Russia)	<b>2015</b>
<b>Grant for "The Best Pop Song" from the Ministry of Culture</b> (Dagestan, Russia)	<b>2015</b>
<b>Grant from International Alliance for Women in Music</b> (NC, USA)	<b>2014</b>
<b>Finalist of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual International Antonin Dvorak Composition Competition</b> (Prague, Czech Republic)	<b>2014</b>
<b>Special Diploma for "The Best Piece About Homeland" of the VII All Russia Composition Competition "Choir Laboratory XXI Century"</b> (St. Petersburg, Russia)	<b>2014</b>
<b>Special Diploma for the "Composition Written On The Folk Text" of the VII All Russia Composition Competition "Choir Laboratory XXI Century"</b> (St. Petersburg, Russia)	<b>2014</b>
<b>Certificate of Honor from the City Administration "For Many Years Of Teaching"</b> (Rostov-on-Don, Russia)	<b>2010</b>
<b>Certificates of Honor "For Teaching and Preparing Contest Laureates"</b> (Rostov-on-Don, Russia)	<b>2009 – 2010</b>
<b>Stipend from Rasul Gamzatov's Fund</b>	<b>2007 – 2010</b>

**STUDENTS' AWARDS**

<b>KMTA E-Festival (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2021</b>
Leila Thomas – Superior Diploma (High School Group)	
Lara Thomas – Superior Diploma (High School Group)	
Calvin Brey – Superior Diploma (Elementary Group)	
Hao Ran Zhang – Superior Diploma (Middle School)	
George Chen – Superior Diploma (Elementary School)	
John Chen – Superior Diploma (Elementary School)	
<b>International Composition Competition named after S. Prokofiev (Chelyabinsk, Russia)</b>	<b>2021</b>
Calvin Brey – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
<b>MTNA Kentucky Composition Competition (USA):</b>	<b>2021</b>
Calvin Brey – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
<b>International Piano and Composition “Grand Piano” (Novorossiysk, Russia):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Calvin Brey – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
<b>International Piano Competition (Prague, Czech Republic):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Leila Thomas – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (High School Group)	
George Chen – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	
Lara Thomas – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
Peter Zhang – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
<b>International Piano Competition (CA, USA):</b>	<b>2020</b>
John Chen – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	
<b>KMTA Bluegrass Performance Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2020</b>
George Chen – Honorable Mention (Elem. Group)	
<b>MTNA Kentucky Composition Competition (USA):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Calvin Brey – Finalist (Elem. Group)	
<b>All-Russia Piano Competition “Music Without Borders” (St. Petersburg, Russia):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Maddie Bowers – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (High School Group)	
Leila Thomas – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (High School Group)	
George Chen – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	
Lara Thomas – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Junior Group)	
John Chen – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	
<b>KMTA E-Festival (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Leila Thomas – Superior Diploma (High School Group)	
Lara Thomas – Superior Diploma (High School Group)	
Calvin Brey – Superior Diploma (Elementary Group)	
<b>MTNA National Composition Competition (USA):</b>	<b>2020</b>
Calvin Brey – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	
<b>David Moore Piano Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2019</b>
George Chen – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)	

<b>KMTA Bluegrass Performance Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Wanda Wu – the Winner (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>KMTA Keyboard Annual Festival (KY, USA): 2019</b>	
<b>Wanda Wu – the Winner (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>Maddie Bowers – Diploma of Superior Student (H/S Group)</b>	
<b>The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Nathaniel Patch Piano Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>George Chen – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>Calvin Brey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>Wanda Wu – Honorable Mention (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Nathaniel Patch Piano Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Wanda Wu – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Elem. Group)</b>	
<b>Jackson Shang – Honorable Mention (Junior Group)</b>	
<b>MTNA Kentucky State Composition Competition (KY, USA):</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Calvin Brey – Winner (Elem. Group)</b>	

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

<b>Member of the Union of Russian Composers</b>	<b>since 2012</b>
<b>Member of the International Alliance for Women in Music</b>	<b>since 2014</b>
<b>Member of the Music Teachers National Association</b>	<b>since 2014</b>
<b>Member of the Songwriters Guild of America</b>	<b>since 2014</b>
<b>Member of the Russian Music Union</b>	<b>since 2018</b>

### **DISCOGRAPHY**

<b>“Dreams” – Solo Piano</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>“My Way” – Instrumental Music</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>“Memories” – Cinema Music</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>“Unchained” – Chamber Music</b>	<b>2021</b>

### **LANGUAGES**

**Russian (native), English (fluent)**