

Shawn Daniel Karson, *Bassoonist*

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Education and Training

The University of Texas at Austin – *Master of Music in Bassoon Performance* May 2022

- Kristin Wolfe Jensen, primary bassoon teacher

Florida State University – *Bachelor of Music in Woodwind Performance* May 2020

- Jeff Keesecker, primary bassoon teacher

Orchestral Experience

Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera, *Substitute Bassoon* 2022-present

The Florida Orchestra, *Substitute Bassoon* 2022-present

Winston Salem Symphony Orchestra, *Substitute Bassoon* 2022-present

Central Texas Philharmonic (Contracted), *Contrabassoon/Utility Bassoon* 2021-present

Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra (Contracted), *Contrabassoon/Utility Bassoon* 2021-present

Austin Symphony Orchestra, *Substitute Bassoon/Contrabassoon* 2021-present

Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra (MS), *Substitute Bassoon/Contrabassoon* 2021-present

Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra, *Substitute Bassoon/Contrabassoon* 2019-present

Punta Gorda Symphony Orchestra (Contracted), *Utility Bassoon/Contrabassoon* 2019-present

Panama City Pops Orchestra (Contracted), *Associate Principal/Second Bassoon* 2018-2021

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra (Contracted), *Second Bassoon and Contrabassoon* 2017-present

Space Coast Symphony Orchestra, *Utility Bassoon* 2019

Quincy Music Theater Pit Orchestra, *Bassoon* 2017-2018

University of Florida Symphony Orchestra (Contracted), *Utility Bassoon* 2018

Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra (FL), *Second/Associate Principal Bassoon* 2016-2020

Auditions

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, *Second Bassoon - Finalist* August 2021

Austin Symphony Orchestra, *Substitute Bassoon – Winner* April 2021

United States Air Force Band of the Golden West, *Bassoon – Semifinalist* April 2021

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, *Principal Bassoon – Runner up* May 2019

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, *Second Bassoon – Winner* September 2017

University Ensemble Experience

University of Texas Symphony Orchestra under baton of <i>Farkhad Khudiyev</i>	2021-2022
University of Texas Wind Ensemble under baton of <i>Jerry Junkin</i>	2021-2022
University of Texas New Music Ensemble under baton of <i>Dr. Ryan Kelly</i>	2021
Florida State University Chamber Winds under baton of <i>Richard Clary</i>	2019-2020
Florida State University Symphony Orchestra under baton of <i>Dr. Alexander Jimenez</i>	2017-2020

Chamber Experience

S.H.E. Woodwind Trio	2022
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- Coached by *Marianne Gedigian, Professor of Flute at University of Texas at Austin*

2.5 Hairs Reed Trio	2021
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- Coached by *Dr. Andrew Parker, Professor of Oboe at University of Texas at Austin*

The University of Texas at Austin Art of Wind Conducting Workshop	2021
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- *Principal Bassoon*

Rona Wind Quintet	2021-2022
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- Coached by *Kristin Wolfe Jensen, Professor of Bassoon at University of Texas at Austin*

UT Austin New Music Ensemble	2021
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- *Principal Bassoon*

University of Texas at Austin Bassoon Ensemble	2020-2022
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- *Contrabassoon*

FSU Chamber Winds and New Music Ensemble	2019-2020
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- *Rotating Bassoon/Contrabassoon*

FSU Faculty Wind Octet	2019
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- *Second Bassoon, Stravinsky Octet*

FSU Bassoon Quartet	2019
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Wind Octet	2019
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Orphic Reed Quintet	2018-2019
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Chamber Winds	2018
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Undergraduate Woodwind Quintet	2017
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Masterclass Performances

Drew Pattison	February 2022
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- *Professor of Bassoon, Oberlin Conservatory*

- Hosted at The University of Texas at Austin

Rian Craypo

February 2022

- *Principal Bassoon, Houston Symphony*
- Hosted at The University of Texas at Austin

Fei Xie

March 2021

- *Principal Bassoon, Minnesota Orchestra*
- Hosted at Concordia College Double Reed Day

Monica Ellis

February 2021

- *Bassoonist and Founder, Imani Winds*
- *College Faculty: Contemporary Performance Program: Bassoon, Manhattan School of Music*
- Hosted at The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Jacqueline Wilson

January 2021

- *Assistant Professor of Music and Theory, Bassoon, Washington State University*
- *Cohost of Double Reed Dish*
- Hosted at University of North Carolina Greensboro Double Reed Day

Barrick Stees

January 2021

- *Assistant Principal Bassoon, Cleveland Orchestra*
- *Instructor of Bassoon, Cleveland Institute of Music*
- Hosted at Meg Quigley Vivaldi Competition and Symposium

Richard Beene

November 2020

- *Bassoon Faculty, Colburn Conservatory of Music*
- *Dean Emeritus, Colburn Conservatory of Music*
- Hosted at The University of Texas at Austin

Magnus Nilsson

January 2018

- *Principal Bassoon, Helsingborgs Symfoniorkester*
- Hosted at Florida State University

Summer Festivals

Miami Music Festival - Miami, Florida

2022

London Trinity Laban Symphony Orchestra - London, United Kingdom

2022

National Music Festival - Chestertown, Maryland

2022

Aspen Music Festival - Aspen, Colorado

Postponed due to COVID-19

Taneycomo Festival Orchestra - Branson, Missouri

2020

National Music Festival - Chestertown, Maryland	2019
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Faculty Band - Twin Lake, Michigan	2019

Honors and Competitions

Tallahassee Music Guild Scholarship , <i>recipient and performer</i>	2019, 2020
Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition , <i>finalist</i>	2018
First Coast Wind Symphony Concerto Competition , <i>finalist</i>	2018

World Premieres

Aaron Houston – <i>Rude Moods for Solo Bassoon</i>	March, 2022
Clifton Callendar – <i>Dear Matafele Peinam</i>	February 2020
- FSU Symphony Orchestra, <i>Second Bassoon</i>	
Matthew Fossa – <i>Ringdust</i>	September 2019
- Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, <i>Second Bassoon</i>	
Josh Weitz – <i>Rite of the Heathen Millennials</i>	April 2019
- Reed Quintet, <i>Bassoon</i>	
Jose Hernandez – <i>At a Standstill</i>	April 2019
- Wind Octet, <i>Second Bassoon</i>	
Joshua Baerwald – <i>Concerto for Cello and Chamber Winds</i>	October 2018
- Chamber Winds, <i>Second Bassoon</i>	

Teaching Experience

Private Lesson Instructor – Pflugerville Independent School District (TX)	2021-present
Private Lesson Instructor – Austin Independent School District (TX)	2020-present
Private Lesson Instructor – Leander Independent School District (TX)	2020-present
Private Lesson Instructor – Round Rock Independent School District (TX)	2020-present
Private Lesson Instructor – Hutto Independent School District (TX)	2020-present
International Lesson Instructor – FL, LA, WI, CT, ME, Saipan, Turkey	2020-present
Private Bassoon Instructor - Tallahassee, FL	2018-2020
Unit/Cabin Counselor, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp – Twin Lake, MI	2019
Private Music Instructor, Leon County (FL) Mentorship Program , <i>Raa Middle School</i>	2019

Administration Work

University of Texas at Austin Band Librarian	2021-2022
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- In charge of printing scores for the conductors of the UT Longhorn Bands, Symphony Band, Wind Symphony, and Wind Ensemble. Assistant to Jerry Junkin.
- Obligated to play bassoon in the Symphony Band when there is a shortage of bassoonists.
- In charge of other administrative projects to assist the Band Conducting Teaching Assistants and various directors.

Production Assistant, From the Butler School (KMFA)

2021-2022

- In charge of organizing UT Austin performances to premiere on the Austin, TX Classical Music Radio Station, KMFA.
- Assistant to Maestro and Butler School of Music Director Ryan Kelly

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2021-2022

- The University of Texas at Austin, Butler School of Music Band Library
- Assistant to Maestro Jerry Junkin

House Manager/Usher

2019*2020

- Florida State University College of Music Ruby Diamond Concert Hall
- Florida State University College of Music Opperman Music Hall

Recital Technician/Stagehand

2018-2020

- Florida State University College of Music Recital Halls and Opperman Music Hall

Religious Services

First United Methodist Church, *Orchestra* – Albany GA

December 2019

Deer Lake United Methodist Church, *Chamber Music* – Tallahassee, FL

2018-2019

First United Methodist Church, *Orchestra* – Dothan, AL

December 2018

St. Peter's Anglican Church, *Orchestra* – Tallahassee, FL

April 2018

First Baptist Church, *Orchestra* – Tallahassee, FL

December 2017

St. Andrew's Anglican Church, *Chamber* – Tallahassee, FL

April 2017

References

Kristin Wolfe Jensen - kwjensen@austin.utexas.edu • 512-799-8274

- *Professor of Bassoon, The University of Texas at Austin*
- *Principal Bassoon, River Oaks Chamber Orchestra*

Jeff Keesecker - jkeesecker@fsu.edu • 850-491-4657

- *Professor of Bassoon, Florida State University*
- *Principal Bassoon, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and Pensacola Symphony Orchestra*

Jerry Junkin - jfjunkin@austin.utexas.edu • 512-471-0386

- Division of Conducting and Ensembles
- *Vincent R. DiNino Chair for the Director of Bands*
- *University Distinguished Teaching Professor*
- Artistic Director and Conductor, The Dallas Winds
- Music Director and Conductor, Hong Kong Wind Philharmonia
- Visiting Professor, Senzoku Gakuen College of Music

Farkhad Khudiyev – farkhad.khudiyev@austin.utexas.edu • 216-773-9279

- Music Director of the University of Texas Symphony Orchestra at Austin
- Assistant Professor of Music in Orchestral Studies at the University of Texas at Austin
- Music Director of the Orchestral Institute at Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts, Carmel Valley, California

Alexander Jimenez - ajimenez@admin.fsu.edu • 850-322-5306

- *Professor of Conducting and Director of Orchestral Activities, Florida State University*

Ryan Kelly – rsk@utexas.edu • 512-471-4948

- Associate Professor of Practice in Conducting
- Associate Director of Bands | Associate Director, Butler School of Music

David Ott - david@davidottcomposer.com

- *Composer and Music Director, Panama City Pops Orchestra*

Matthew Fossa - fossam@nwfsc.edu • 850-982-2641

- *Personnel Manager, Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra*
- *Principal Oboe, Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Pensacola Symphony Orchestra*

James Jeter - chleojet@yahoo.com • 917-746-7737

- *Principal Bassoon, New Jersey Festival Orchestra*
- *Principal Bassoon/Instructor, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp*