

SHARON WEI

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EDUCATION

Yale University	Master of Music	2006
Curtis Institute of Music	Artist Diploma	2004
Western University	Bachelor of Music Honours	2000

EMPLOYMENT

University Teaching Positions

Western University		
Associate Professor, Department of Performance Studies		2019 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of Performances Studies (list of courses taught appended page 21)		January 2014 - 2019
Stanford University		2007 - 2013
Viola and Chamber Music Ensemble Lecturer		
Yale University		2006 - 2007
Chamber music coach, secondary viola instruction, Assistant to Director of Chamber Music		

Other Affiliations

New Orford String Quartet , violist		2020 - present
• JUNO-winning ensemble (concertmasters and principal cellist of Toronto and Montreal Symphonies)		
• Artistic Directors at Prince Edward County Chamber Music Festival		
• Dedicated to performing Canadian works on every program, regular tours throughout North America		
• Ensemble-in-Residence at Western University		
Ensemble Made in Canada , founding violist		2006 - 2022
• Ensemble-in-Residence at Western University, concert tours across Canada		
• 2021 JUNO Award for Best Classical Album-solo or chamber		
• Awarded over \$300,000 in grants from the Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and FACTOR		
• 3 CDs released independently and through Centrediscs		
Marlboro Music Festival , Marlboro, VT		2015, 2017, 2019 invited for 2021, 2023
• Invited to perform on Musicians from Marlboro tour 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, 2022-2023 seasons		
• Collaborations with internationally distinguished artists such as Nobuko Imai and Peter Wiley		
Curtis Summerfest , Philadelphia, PA		2013, 2014, 2016 - 2019, invited for 2020
• Performing and teaching faculty violist at Young Artist Summer Program		
Scotia Festival of Music , Halifax, NS		invited for 2024, 2014 - 2019,2022
• Faculty Violist in resident string quartet, recital and concerto performances		
Verbier Chamber Orchestra , Verbier, Switzerland		2004 - 2013, 2019, 2022,2023
• Principal and section violist on multiple tours of Europe, Asia and North America featuring soloists such as Joshua Bell, Marta Argerich and Maxim Vengerov.		
Ivey Business School, Western University		2022 - 2025
• Curation of a monthly concerts series involving faculty and student performers		
Toronto Summer Music Viola Faculty		2019, 2021,2022
Orford Centre for the Arts Viola Faculty		2018, 2020, 2021,2022

AWARDS AND GRANTS (2018-2023)

Organization	Award or Program	Amount	Year
Ontario Arts Council	Nominated for “the Oskar Morawetz prize for Excellence in Music Performance” (results TBA in June 2023)	\$20000	2023
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund Round 1: Series of Guest Speakers/Artists	\$1000	2023
Canada Council for the Arts	Arts Across Canada Circulation and Touring: New Orford String Quartet May 2022 Tour	\$16851	2022
Western University	Faculty Scholar Award	\$28000	2022
Western University	SSHRC Explore and Exchange Grant: Six Canadian Scenes for solo viola	\$6756	2022
Western University Strategic Priorities Fund	London Symphonia Fellowship 2 year pilot program	\$31000	2022
Canada Council for the Arts	Explore and Create- Research and Creation -declined	\$25000	2022
Western University	Undergraduate Student Research Internship	\$8400	2022
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Small Grants: Presenting at American Viola Society and International Viola Congress Festival	\$3000	2022
Canada Council for the Arts	Arts Across Canada - Travel: Halifax and Antigonish Concerts viola and piano recitals	\$5250	2022
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund Round 1: Series of Guest Speakers/Artists	\$5400	2021
Western University	Knowledge Mobilization Innovation Grant	\$7500	2021
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Faculty Research Development Fund (FRDF) Small Grants: Performance funds for pilot Outreach program	\$2500	2021
Western University	Undergraduate Student Research Internship	\$7500	2021
Western University	Western Summer Student Internship Program	\$7500	2021
Grammy Awards	Performed on CD with Los Angeles Philharmonic which won 2021 Grammy for Best Orchestral Performance	NA	2021
JUNO Awards	Awarded Best Classical Album of the Year: Mosaïque Project CD	NA	2021
Western University	SSHRC Endowment Fund: Hiring a graduate student for pilot Outreach program	\$3000	2021
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund Round 2: Series of Guest Speakers/Artists	\$1600	2021
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund Round 1: Series of Guest Speakers/Artists	\$2500	2020

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Organization	Award or Program	Amount	Year
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Faculty Research Development Fund (FRDF) Small Grants: To commission Darren Sigesmund to composer viola/piano work to be presented on an East Coast Tour	\$2500	2020
Canada Council for the Arts	Strategic Funds and Initiatives COVID 19 Emergency support Fund	\$20900	2020
Western University	Western Summer Student Internship Program	\$5000	2020
Western University	Undergraduate Student Research Internship	\$5500	2020
Western University	VPR Small Grants: Mosaïque Livestream Video	\$10000	2020
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund: Series of Guest Speakers/Artists	\$3300	2020
Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings (FACTOR)	Juried Sound Recording: Video Livestream and On-Demand interactive video	\$20000	2019
FACTOR	Juried Sound Recording	\$10000	2019
Canada Council for the Arts	Arts Across Canada Circulation and Touring: Mosaïque Project Tour to Yellowknife	\$10000	2019
Canada Council for the Arts	Explore and Create: Recording Ensemble Made in Canada Mosaïque Project	\$25000	2019
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Internal Explore and Exchange Grant	\$5000	2019
Ontario Arts Council	Touring Projects: Yellowknife, BC, ON	\$14400	2019
Ontario Arts Council	Touring Projects: To tour EMIC Mosaïque Project to Nunavut, Montreal, Whitehorse, and Alberta	\$16500	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Circulation and Touring: To Tour EMIC Mosaïque Project to Whitehorse, Calgary, Lacombe, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Banff	\$19000	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Arts Across Canada Public Outreach	\$10000	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Arts Across Canada Travel: Outreach and collaborative concert in Iqaluit, Nunavut	\$13300	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Circulation and Touring: To tour Ensemble Made in Canada's (EMIC) Mosaïque Project to the Atlantic Provinces	\$16000	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Circulation and Touring: To tour EMIC's Mosaïque Project to Manitoba and Saskatchewan	\$12100	2018
Canada Council for the Arts	Concept to Realization: To commission piano quartets by 14 composers, to premiere the work in Parry Sound in July 2018 and record the performance for website	\$30000	2018

Organization	Award or Program	Amount	Year
Ontario Arts Council	Music Production and Presentation Projects: EMIC: To rehearse the Mosaïque Project	\$5000	2018
Don Wright Faculty of Music	Gift Fund: Guest Violist Michael Ouzounian	\$1240	2018
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Internal Research Grant: Ensemble Made in Canada's Mosaïque Project	\$7000	2018

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY
PREMIERE PERFORMANCES OF NEW COMMISSIONED COMPOSITIONS

Composer *Canadian	Description	Year
Esmail, Reena	Trio for 2 violins and viola	June 2023
*Iranian Composers of Toronto	Recording new works with New Orford String Quartet	May 2023
*Mascall, Richard	Ziigwan Concerto for solo viola and orchestra	April 2022
*Sigesmund, Darren	Double Rainbows for viola and piano	Dec 2021
*Burry, Dean	String Quartet no. 1	Nov 2021
*Lapalme, Claude	Fantasy on a Nepalese Song for solo viola	April 2020
*Burge, John	Twitter Etudes no. 3 for solo viola	Jan 2020
*Braid, David	The Mosaïque Project: Great Bear River Blues	July 2018
*Croall, Barbara	The Mosaïque Project: Nbiidaasamishkaamin	July 2018
*Doiron, Julie	The Mosaïque Project: Blessed	July 2018
*Downing, Andrew	The Mosaïque Project: Red River Fantasy	July 2018
*Fung, Vivian	The Mosaïque Project: Shifting Landscapes	July 2018
*Gilbert, Nicolas	The Mosaïque Project: Ilôts	July 2018
*Lau, Kevin	The Mosaïque Project: Race to the Midnight Sun	July 2018
*Lizée, Nicole	The Mosaïque Project: The Bessborough Hotel	July 2018
*Mascall, Richard	The Mosaïque Project: Petroglyphs	July 2018
*Moussa, Samy	The Mosaïque Project: Orpheus in Nunavut	July 2018
*Rowson, William	The Mosaïque Project: Short Variations on Waves	July 2018
*Sigesmund, Darren	The Mosaïque Project: Kensington Celidh	July 2018
*Slean, Sarah	The Mosaïque Project: Johnny Pippy of Pouch Cove, on a Bicycle at Dawn	July 2018

Composer *Canadian	Description	Year
*Sokolovic, Ana	The Mosaique Project: Splendor Sine Occasu	July 2018
*Myska, David	String Quintet Printemps	May 2016
*Daniel, Omar	Piano Quartet no. 1	April 2016
Meltzer, Harold	Double Concerto for violin and viola: That Obscure object of desire	January 2013

LIST OF CONCERTS January 2014 - December 2022

* Full details can be found in the concert history on webpage:

* <https://music.uwo.ca/faculty/bios/sharon-wei.html>

* Red boxes represent concerts cancelled due to Covid-19

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022
Soloist with orchestra and Solo Viola Recital	10	4	8	7	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	2
Chamber Music	28	30	43	37	53	43	15	17	18	24	7	31
Orchestral	10	1	1	1	1	5	5	10	0	2	0	7
Total	48	35	52	45	58	50	21	27	21	28	0	40

RECORDINGS, SAMPLE REVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE 2013 - 2022

Recordings

- *Iranian Composers of Toronto*: Recording project with multiple composers featuring New Orford String Quartet

Release date: 2024

- *Omar Daniel: Eesti Regilaulud, 9 Estonian Runo Songs for voice, and string trio*

Independent, Release date: 2023

Xin wang, Erika Raum, Sharon Wei, Thomas Wiebe

- *Charles Ives: 3rd and 4th symphonies (2021 Grammy Award)*

Deutsche Grammophone, Release date: August 28th, 2020

Los Angeles Philharmonic. Conductor: Gustavo Dudamel

- *Mosaique: a suite of 14 works for piano quartet (2021 JUNO Award)*

Canadian Music Centre Distribution, Release date: January 24th, 2020

Angela Park, Elissa Lee, Sharon Wei, Elissa Lee

- *Glick: Suite Hebraïques*

Centrediscs, Release date: June 1st, 2018

Sharon Wei, James Campbell, Angela Park, Elissa Lee, Cameron Crozman, Barry Shiffman

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- Chamber Music of John Burge

Centrediscs, Release date: September 11th, 2015

String Theory for viola and piano:

Sharon Wei, Angela Park

Ensemble Made in Canada: Elissa Lee, Sharon Wei, Rachel Mercer, Angela Park

- Mozart and Brahms: Ensemble Made in Canada Debut CD

independent, Release date: December 2013

Mozart Piano Quartet no. 2 in E flat major, K. 493

Brahms Piano Quartet no. 3 in C minor, Op. 60

Ensemble Made in Canada: Elissa Lee, Sharon Wei, Rachel Mercer, Angela Park

Sample Reviews and Media Coverage

- Toronto Star: Words, music and dance combine in Echo Chamber Toronto's Poetry 2022
- Edmonton Journal: Juno-winning New Orford Quartet returns for a concert 2022
- The Suburban Montreal: The New Orford Quartet with guest pianist Stephane Lemelin 2022
- London Free Press: Western University Colleagues share JUNO win for classical album 2021
- RCM Musicians win big at 2021 JUNO Awards 2021
- CBC Music: 2021 JUNO Winners 2021
- CBC Music: 2021 JUNO Nominations 2021
- Ludwig Van Toronto: EMIC wins Classical Album of the Year 2021
- Western News: JUNO Nominations reflect diverse talents of alumni, faculty 2021
- Viola Extravaganza Video Podcast. Interviewed with Anna Mach and Rachel Miner. 2021
- Stingray Classica: Chamber Music Premieres (Mosaïque Livestream) 2020
- Globe and Mail: EMIC to wrap up sprawling Mosaïque tour in St Catherines, Ont. 2020
- Times Colonist BC: Piano quartet tour wraps with Victoria Conservatory Residency 2020
- Hamilton Spectator: EMIC: celebrating a country in music 2020
- Coast Reporter BC: EMIC performs at Raven's Cry 2020
- Gapplegate Classical: Modern Music Review (Mosaïque Album) 2020
- Wholenote Magazine Listening Room: Mosaïque Album Review 2020
- Globe and Mail: EMIC takes on a country-sized musical initiative 2019
- Virtuosi Winnipeg Audience as a Critic: Ensemble Made in Canada concert 2019
- ArtsFile: Chamberfest: A musical Mosaïque Made in Canada 2018
- Wholenote Magazine Feature on Ensemble Made in Canada's Mosaïque Project 2018
- Sesaya online arts Magazine Feature on Ensemble Made in Canada's Concerts 2018
- Ontario Arts Review by Judith Caldwell on Ensemble Made in Canada 2018
- CBC's Sunday Edition Feature on Ensemble Made in Canada 2017
- Koerner Hall Concert program recorded and broadcast by CBC Radio 2017
- Ludwig van Toronto's Critic's pick: Montrose Trio and friends at Koerner Hall 2017
- Ludwig van Toronto's Critic's pick: Ensemble Made in Canada 2017
- Regularly broadcast on radio stations including Canadian Music Broadcasting (CBC Radio), Air Canada's Enroute Entertainment System, and other airlines since 2014
- Ensemble Made in Canada's Debut CD has been heard on Air Canada's Enroute Entertainment system since 2015

TEACHING

Courses taught at Western University 2014 - present

Applied Study (viola)

21st Century Musician (Music 9701y)

- Designed a new course to explore the classical music industry within the context of the current cultural and economic climate.

Doctoral String Pedagogy (Music 9824y)

Collaborative Musicianship (Piano and Orchestral instruments) (Music 4976y, 9506y)

Orchestral Literature (Music 3948b)

- Designed a new course exploring orchestral literature through the performance and research of standard orchestral excerpt

Orchestra Sectionals (Music 4901)

**Masterclasses Given at External Universities and Festivals
2014 - 2023**

Viola Masterclass		
Organization	Location	Year
Mount Royal University	Calgary, AB	2018, 2019,2020,2022, 2023
University of Toronto	Toronto, ON	2014, 2017, 2018,2022,2023
Orford Centre for the Arts	Orford, QC	2018,2020,2021,2022
Scotia Festival of Music	Halifax, NS	2014-2019,2022
Canadian Viola Society	Online	2021,2022
University of North Texas	Denton, TX	2022
Universite de Montreal	Montreal, QC	2022
Vancouver Academy of Music	Vancouver, BC	2018,2020,2022
University of Toronto	Toronto, ON	2014, 2017, 2018,2022
Dalhousie University	Halifax, NS	2014,2022
Mount Royal University	Calgary, AB/online	2021
University of Toronto	Toronto, ON/online	2021
Amici Strings	Calgary, AB/online	2021
University of Ottawa	Ottawa, ON/online	2020
Port Credit High School	Mississauga, ON/online	2020
University of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC	2020
Victoria Conservatory of Music	Victoria, BC	2020
University of Oregon	Eugene ,OR	2019
Medicine Hat Symphonic Society	Medicine Hat, AB	2019
Arizona State University	Phoenix, AZ	2017
Tuckamore Festival	St John's, NL	2017
Curtis Summerfest	Philadelphia, PA	2013 - 2019
Virtuosi Concerts	Winnipeg, MB	2016

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American Viola Society Festival	Oberlin, OH	2016
Cardinal Carter Academy	Toronto, ON	2015
Florida International University	Miami, FL	2015
State University of New York	Fredonia, NY	2015
Ohio University	Athens, OH	2014
Chamber Masterclass		
Organization	Location	Year
Glenn Gould School	Toronto, ON	2022
Vancouver Symphony School	Vancouver, BC	2022
University of Toronto	Toronto, ON	2014, 2017, 2021, 2022
Toronto Summer Music	Toronto, ON	2021
Longy School of Music	Boston, MA	2021
Pasadena Conservatory	Pasadena, CA	2020
Gordon College	Wenham, MA	2020
Longy School of Music	Boston, MA	2020
University of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC	2020
Virtuosi Concerts	Winnipeg, MB	2019
University of Regina	Regina, SK	2019
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge, AB	2019
University of Toronto	Toronto, ON	2014, 2017
Arizona State University	Phoenix, AZ	2017
Thunder Bay Youth Orchestra	Thunder Bay, ON	2017
Dalhousie University	Halifax, NS	2016
Mount Allison University	Sackville, NB	2016
Music at Port Milford	Milford, ON	2013, 2016
Queen's University	Kingston, ON	2015
Mooredale Chamber Music	Toronto, ON	2015
Cardinal Carter Academy	Toronto, ON	2015
Yale University	New Haven, CT	2015

Professional Development Seminar		
Organization	Location	Year
Scotia Festival of Music	Halifax, NS	2022
Yale School of Music	New Haven, CT/online	2021
Indigenous Initiatives, Western	London, ON/online	2021
Queen's University	Kingston, ON/online	2021
Renmin University	Beijing, China/online	2020
Young Artists Pre-College Academy	London, ON/online	2020
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	Vancouver, BC/online	2020
Orford Centre for the Arts	Orford, QC	2020
University of Regina	Regina, SK	2019
Orford Centre for the Arts	Orford, QB	2019
Memorial University	St John's, NL	2018
Mount Allison University	Sackville, NB	2018

**UNIVERSITY, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
2014 - 2022**

University Service

Western University, Don Wright Faculty of Music Committees

Faculty Council, Canada Research Chair Search Committee, Coordinating Committee, Ensembles, Promotion and Tenure, Arts and Humanities Council, Music Performance Studies, Nominations/Operations, Decanal Search, Appointments, Honours and Awards, Research Committee, Undergraduate Gift Fund, Educational Policy, Ad Hoc Recruitment Task Force

New Orford String Quartet Residency Week at Western 2021, 2022

- One week of residency. Multi-faceted activities benefitting different program streams.
- Performed side-by-side with string students, DWFoM concert series, and Ivey Business School
- Cello Masterclass, Orchestra Sectionals, Composition Class workshop

Ivey Business School concert series 2022 - 2025

- Curator for a new monthly concert series featuring students, faculty and outside guest artists

London Symphonia Fellowship Pilot program 2022-2024

-Successful grant application to the Strategic Priorities Fund at Western University for a Pilot program involving mentors drawn from the London Symphonia to work with 5 students. Students auditioned in August. Successful students are offered the opportunities to perform in 4 Main series concerts with the London Symphonia throughout their season

Ensemble Made in Canada Residency Weeks at Western 2014-2021

- One week of residency in every semester. Multi-faceted activities benefitting multiple departments
- Performed side-by-side with string, piano, and vocal students, Performed with Western Faculty

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- Gave professional development workshops
- Coachings and masterclasses for chamber music, collaborative piano, violin, cello, orchestra sectionals, orchestra excerpts, hosted chamber music reading parties
- Premiered 14 performances of piano quartet compositions by 3rd year composition students:

Western Performs! Concert Series

2014-2018

- Partnered with the School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and the Arts (SASAH) to start a new on-campus, extra-curricular concert series featuring students from the Music Faculty in non-traditional concert spaces on and off-campus
- Averaged 150 audience members for each performance. The following is a summary of the 34 concerts we have presented since its inception in 2014

Number of Concerts	Number of Venues	Number of performing students	Year
11	4	73	2014-2015
8	3	127	2015-2016
9	3	131	2016-2017
6	2	85	2017-2018

Dragon Gala London

2017-2018

- Arranged for \$8000 in scholarships from the Chinese National Council
- Students from 21st Century Musician Course researched, rehearsed and performed for over 700 members of the London business community

Professional Service

American Viola Society Festival	Proposal Selection Committee	2023
Toronto Summer Music	Juror for Fellows Program	2022,2023
Orford Academy of Music	Juror for Viola Masterclasse	2018 - 2022
Verbier Festival of Music	Juror for the Academy violin and viola	2020
Voce Competition of Music	Juror	2020
Teachers Association of California		
Ontario Arts Council	Juror for the Orford String Quartet Award	2018
Kiwanis Festival of Waterloo	Adjudicator for Junior and Senior Strings	2018
Juno Awards	Juror for Classical album of the year: Solo or Chamber	2018
American Viola Society Festival	Proposal Selection Committee	2017
Glenn Gould School	Juror for the Chamber Music Competition	2017
Eckhardt-Gramatté	Preliminary Round Juror	2015
National Competition for Strings		