

Connor Wertman

Music Educator | Saxophonist | Student-Athlete

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Devoted saxophonist and music educator with experience in classical, jazz, and contemporary performance, private instruction, and K-12 music education. Currently pursuing a B.M. in Music Education and Saxophone Performance at Ohio University under Dr. Matthew James. Member of the Ohio University Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble I, and the Ohio University Men's Cross Country team.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Wind Symphony – Principal Saxophone

Ohio University School of Music | 2021 – Present

- Principal saxophonist in the *Ohio University Wind Symphony* under the direction of Dr. William Talley.
- Distinctive performances with dozens of professional musicians and conductors, including performances with guest conductors from Brazil and Ghana.

Jazz Ensemble I – Lead Alto

Ohio University School of Music | 2022 – Present

- Lead alto saxophonist in the university's premier jazz ensemble under Dr. Matthew James.
- Collaborations with guest artists including John Fedchock, Jocelyn Gould, and Tito Carrillo.
- Participated in four regional tours across OH, WV, and KY.
- Doubling experience on flute/piccolo, clarinet, and soprano/tenor saxophone as required by ensemble repertoire.

Nails on a Chalkboard – Soprano Saxophone

Ohio University School of Music | 2022 – Present

- Currently filling the soprano saxophone chair of Ohio University's top student saxophone quartet.
- Four-year participant in the *Saxophone Quartet Summits* at Ohio University

Nathaly Pagoaga Reed Quintet - Saxophone

Ohio University School of Music | 2025

- Saxophonist in an Ohio University master's student reed quintet
- Performed "Splinter" by Marc Mellits, demonstrating versatility within contemporary and minimalist music.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mount Tom House – Summer Intern

May 2023 – Aug 2024 | Eugene, Oregon (Seasonal, On-site)

- Selected for a two-summer internship opportunity with Ohio University Cross Country alumni Juli Accurso and Craig Leon at the Mount Tom House in Eugene, Oregon.
- Contributed to both exterior and interior operations, including landscaping, outdoor maintenance, communication/hospitality, and event preparation.

Hudson High School – Flute Instructor

July 2025 | Marietta, Ohio (On-site, Band Camp)

- Provided flute instruction during summer band camp for secondary-level students.
- Led sectionals, reinforced fundamentals and musicianship, and supported ensemble preparation for the upcoming academic year.
- Estimated workload: approximately 10-12 hours a day

Freelance Saxophone Instructor

2025 | Athens, OH

- Currently providing private saxophone lessons to students in Athens, OH.
- Providing my own curriculum based on the individual student

EDUCATION

Lake High School

August 2017 - May 2021 | Uniontown, Ohio

- High School Diploma, Graduated 2021

Ohio University

August 2021 - Present | Athens, Ohio

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education with Instrumental Emphasis & Saxophone Performance (Expected Spring 2026). 3.7 cumulative GPA.
- Ohio University Men's Cross Country