

Connor Wertman

Music Educator | Saxophonist

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Devoted saxophonist and music educator with experience in classical, jazz, and contemporary performance, private instruction, and K-12 music education. Dual B.M.s in Music Education and Saxophone Performance from Ohio University under Dr. Matthew James.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Ohio University Student Soloist Competition Winner

Ohio University School of Music | 2026

- 2025-2026 Winner of Ohio University's annual concerto competition.
- As a result, performed Jacques Ibert's *Concertino da camera* with the Ohio University Symphony Orchestra as a featured soloist.

Wind Symphony – Principal Saxophone

Ohio University School of Music | 2021 – 2025

- 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 – 2025

- 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 – 2025

- 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Athens High School - Professional Intern/Student Teacher

January 2026 – May 2026 | Athens, Ohio (Full-time)

- Professional intern at Athens City School District, teaching at Athens High School, Athens Middle School, and The Plains Intermediate School.
- Responsibilities within the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade concert band, high school band and orchestra, and individual tutoring/lessons.

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.

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.

Freelance Saxophone Instructor

2025-2026 | Ohio

- Currently providing private saxophone lessons to students in Ohio.
- Teaching under my own curriculum based on individual student needs.

LICENSURES/CERTIFICATIONS

edTPA K-12 Performing Arts (National)

Issued Apr 2026 | Pearson

Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) Music (032)

Issued Dec 2025 | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

EDUCATION

Lake High School

August 2017 - May 2021 | Uniontown, Ohio

- High School Diploma, 2021

Ohio University

August 2021 - May 2026 | Athens, Ohio

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education with Instrumental Emphasis & Saxophone Performance.
- 3.7 cumulative GPA.
- Ohio University Men's cross-country