

GRADY LAI

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EDUCATION

San Francisco State University

Single Subject Teaching
Credential in Music
August 2021—June 2022

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. in Applied Mathematics
and Music with Distinction in
General Scholarship (GPA:
3.766)
June 2015—December 2019

Capuchino High School

Salutatorian (Unweighted GPA:
4.0)
August 2011—May 2015

PRIVATE VIOLIN INSTRUCTORS

Rodica Gonzalez, 2023—Present
Javier Pinell, 2023
Jeremy Preston, 2021
Jeffrey Multer, 2021
Antoine van Dongen, 2015-2019
Carla Moore, 2015 and 2019

CONDUCTING INSTRUCTORS

Tristan Arnold, 2021-2022
David Milnes, 2017-2020

LANGUAGES

- Native proficiency in English and Cantonese
- Professional proficiency in Mandarin
- Elementary proficiency in Spanish

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Assistant Orchestra Director at **James Bowie Middle School**, July 2023—May 2025

Head Orchestra Director at **Conroe High School**, August 2022—May 2023

Student Teacher at **Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts**, August 2021—June 2022

Interim Orchestra Director at **Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts**, January—February 2022

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Principal Second Violinist of the **Symphony of Southeast Texas**, October 2023—Present

Violinist at the **Pacific Region International Summer Music Association**, June 2025

Violinist at the **Eastern Music Festival**, June—July 2021

CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

Maestro Masterclass with **Donald Schleicher**, August 2025

Los Angeles Conducting Workshop with **Neil Thomson** and **Scott Weiss**, July—August 2025

Fort Greene Conducting Workshop with **Mark Shapiro**, September 2024

Conductor's Institute of South Carolina with **Donald Portnoy et al.**, July 2024

Texas New Music Festival, July 2023

Starmites (musical) at **Conroe High School**, January 2023

Summer Conducting Seminar with **Markand Thakar** and the **Baltimore Chamber Orchestra**, June 2022

UC Berkeley Chamber Orchestra and **Summer Symphony**, March 2017—March 2020