

Aaron Hodgson, trumpet

Contact Information

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Education

2012 **Doctor of Musical Arts**, Yale University
2008 **Master of Musical Arts**, Yale University
2007 **M. Mus.**, Yale University
2005 **B. Mus. (Hons. Orchestral Instrument)**, University of Western Ontario
Major teachers: Allan Dean, Shawn Spicer, Erik Schultz

Awards and Honours

2014 **FRDF Travel Grant**
Residency at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music

2014 **Western University Mentoring Micro-grant**
Exchange with Dr. Neil Mueller, Central Michigan University

2012 **Ellsworth Smith International Trumpet Solo Competition**
3rd place, Hickman Music Editions award

2013, 2011 **Jeunesses Musicales, Concerts for General Audiences**
Live audition finalist

2011 **"Only Brass" Trumpet Competition**
Finalist

2008 **Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal Standard Life Competition**
Awarded "Prix Domaine Forget"

2005 **Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble Youth Soloist Competition, Vancouver**
Winner and featured soloist

Employment History

1. Post-secondary Teaching Experience

- 2012-present **Don Wright Faculty of Music, University of Western Ontario, London, ON**
Assistant Professor. See below for list of courses taught to date.
- 2008-2012 **Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL**
Lecturer. See below for list of courses taught.
- 2007-2008 **Yale University, New Haven, CT**
Trumpet instruction for non-Yale School of Music students through YSM
Teaching fellow, Yale Dept. Of Music, "Music Cognition"
Teaching assistant, Yale School of Music "Advanced Hearing" course

2. Teaching at Camps and Festivals

- 2005, 2006 **National Music Camp of Canada, Orillia, ON**
Staff member

3. Private Instruction

- 2008-present **London, ON/St. John's, NL**
Private trumpet studio.

Current teaching

1. Courses taught, 2012-present:

Applied Principal Instrument/Recital (undergraduate) – Trumpet
Applied Principal Instrument (graduate) – Trumpet
Brass Pedagogy/Advanced Brass Pedagogy (undergraduate/graduate course)
Trumpet Choir
Chamber Music

2. Courses taught 2008-2012:

Principal Applied Study
Principal Applied Study (graduate: Artist Diploma, Master and Doctoral level)
Aural Skills I, II, III
Chamber Music
Special Topics in Music History: Performance Practice (undergraduate/graduate seminar)
Studio Pedagogy (undergraduate/graduate course)

Works in Press

Recordings

- 2013 **Brahms: Complete Symphonies.** Orchestre de la Francophonie (OF), Jean-Philippe Tremblay.

Co-principal trumpet. StudiOF records.

- 2012 **Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique.** OF, Jean-Philippe Tremblay.
Principal/solo cornet. Analekta records.
- 2010 **Reveille Trumpet Collective: Official Concert Launch.** With Adam Zinatelli
and Kristina Szutor.
Permanently archived through CBC Radio's *Concerts on Demand* website.
- 2010 **Beethoven: Complete Symphonies.** Orchestre de la Francophonie,
Jean-Philippe Tremblay.
Recorded at Palais Montcalm, Quebec. Analekta records.
- 2009 **Bach/Mendelssohn Magnificats.** Yale Schola Cantorum, Simon Carrington.
Solo trumpet for Bach *Magnificat*. Naxos records.

Arrangements and Transcriptions (all published through qPress.ca)

- 2010 Vaughan Williams, *Six Studies on English Folk Song* for trumpet and piano
- 2010 Bach, Sarabande and Gigue from Cello Suite No. 2 for solo trumpet
- 2010 Viviani, Sonata Seconda for trumpet and organ
- 2010 Ravel, *Pièce en Forme de Habañera* for trumpet and trombone

Concerts, Performances, Exhibitions, Commissions

1. Recitals (* denotes portion of a recital)

- (2015) **Western University** (London, ON) and **Array Space** (Toronto, ON)
“Contraptions” recital with Reverb Brass
World premieres of works by Aiden Hartery and Paolo Griffin
- 2014 **Gallery 345**, Toronto, ON
“Passages” recital with Reverb Brass
- *2014 **Sweetwater Music Festival**, Owen Sound, ON
Chamber residency featuring Reverb Brass and True North Brass
- 2014 **Array Space**, Toronto, ON
“Reverb at the Array Space” Brass quintet recital
- 2014 **Melbourne Conservatorium of Music**, Melbourne, Australia
Solo recital as part of residency
- 2014 **Gallery 345**, Toronto, ON
“Break, Blow, Burn” Solo/chamber recital.
World premiere of Maimets, *when she falls asleep*
- *2014 **Western University**, London, ON
“Ashfall” Faculty contemporary chamber recital

- *2013 **King's University College Chamber Choir**, London, ON
"A Festival of Carols," brass quintet and choir
- *2013 **Western University**, London, ON
"The Instrumental Britten" Faculty recital. Britten: *Fanfare for St. Edmundsbury*
- 2013 **Canadian Music Centre**, Toronto, ON
"A Touch of Light" *Nuit Blanche* event
Hour-long solo recital
- *2013 **Chosen Vale Seminar**, Enfield, NH
"20/20 Foresight", "Trumpet Calls",
- *2013 **International Trumpet Guild Conference**, Grand Rapids, MI
"New Works Recital"
- *2013 **University of Windsor**, Windsor, ON
"in/fuse 16: Spun, Unravelled, Dissolved." World premiere of Litke, *parallaxi*
- 2013 **University of Alberta**, Edmonton, AB
Unaccompanied recital
- 2013 **University of Lethbridge**, Lethbridge, AB
"Music at Noon" recital
- 2013 **Victory Café**, Toronto
Café Brass, quintet performance
- *2012 **Western University**, London, ON
Faculty artist recital, Jana Starling: Jacob, Concerto for clarinet and trumpet
- 2012 **Western University**, London, ON
Fridays at 12:30: Featuring innovative video presentation and new repertoire
- *2012 **Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival**, Clear Lake, MB
Nine-concert festival including numerous solo/chamber works for trumpet
- *2012 **Chosen Vale Seminar**, Enfield, NH
"20/20 Foresight", "Everybody Loves Difficult Music"
Including feature presentation of Reveille commissions
- *2012 **Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN)**, St. John's, NL
Music at Memorial Series: "Rabl Rowser!" chamber recital
- *2012 **University of Victoria**, Victoria, BC
Guest artist recital with Louis Ranger and Timothy Quinlan
- 2012 **University of Prince Edward Island**, Charlottetown, PEI
Guest artist recital
- 2012 **Mount Allison University**, Sackville, NB

Guest artist recital

- 2012 **MUN**
Music at Memorial Series: "Toot Suite" trumpet and piano recital
- *2011 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Gala Concert in Honour of Dorothy and David Peters
- 2011 **Yale School of Music, New Haven, CT**
DMA Recital
- *2011 **Chosen Vale Trumpet Seminar, Enfield, NH**
"New and Unusual Works," "Trumpet Calls", "20/20 Foresight"
Featured as soloist and in ensemble performances
- 2011 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: fogHorns brass trio concert: "Into the Spotlight"
Recorded for broadcast by CBC Radio
- 2011 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: "Poems and Promises" for trumpet and soprano
- *2010 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: "The Power of Percussion"
- 2010 **Banff Centre, Banff, AB**
Reveille Trumpet Collective: New Directions for New Music
- 2010 **Sound Symposium XV, St. John's, NL**
Official Concert Launch: Reveille Trumpet Collective (recorded by CBC)
- 2010 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: "The Trumpet Sings" trumpet and piano recital
Recorded for broadcast by CBC Radio
- *2010 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Newfound Music Festival: "Crossing Boundaries"
Yoshiaki Onishi, *Tu n'y trouveras que du vent*
- *2009 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Newfound Music Festival: "Clifford Crawley Birthday Celebration"
Clifford Crawley, *Suite Champêtre*
- 2008 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: "Border Crossings" trumpet and piano recital
Recorded for broadcast by CBC Radio
- *2008 **MUN, St. John's, NL**
Music at Memorial Series: "Atsani!" brass ensemble recital and tour of Labrador

Recorded for broadcast by CBC Radio

- 2008 **Whitney Center**, Hamden, CT
Trumpet and piano recital with guest violin
- *2007 **Utrecht School for the Arts**, Utrecht, Netherlands
Joel Brennan, "Contemporary American Music"
European première of *Four Sculptures* by Eric Nathan
- *2007 **Oberlin Trumpet Workshop**, Oberlin College, OH
Joel Brennan, Guest Artist Recital
World première of *Four Sculptures* by Eric Nathan

2. Concerto performances

- 2014 **Encore Concert Band**, London, ON
Arutunian, Concerto and Höhne, *Slavische Fantasie*
- 2013 **Orchestre de la Francophonie**, Montréal/Ottawa
Concerto soloist at Pollack Hall and National Arts Centre
- 2013 **Western University Percussion Ensemble**, London, ON
Featured soloist: Parker, Concertino for Trumpet and Percussion
- 2013 **Western University Wind Ensemble**, London, ON
Featured soloist: Levy, *Grand Russian Fantasia*
- 2011 **Memorial University Provincial Honour Band**, St. John's, NL
Featured soloist: Clarke, *The Carnival of Venice*
- 2005 **Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble**, Vancouver, BC
Featured soloist: Arutiunian, Concerto for trumpet
Winner, Youth Soloist Competition

3. Chamber music

- 2013-present **Reverb Brass**, Toronto, ON
Brass quintet with specialization in contemporary works
- 2012-present **Musica Quinta – Faculty Brass at Western**, London, ON
- 2011-2012 **Avalon Brass**, St. John's, NL
Professional brass quintet
- 2010-2012 **fogHorns** brass trio, St. John's, NL
New chamber group dedicated to creating engaging repertoire for brass trio and outreach activities across Newfoundland and Labrador
- 2006-2008 **NHBQ** brass quintet, New Haven, Connecticut
Semi-finalists, Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition
Frequent outreach activities through the Yale Music in Schools Initiative

4. Solo/Chamber Premieres (* denotes Canadian premiere)

- (2015) **Richard Mascall**, new commission for brass quintet
- (2015) **Paolo Griffin**, new commission for brass quintet
- (2015) **Aiden Hartery**, new commission for brass quintet
- 2014 **Patrick McGraw**, *Forge* for brass quintet
- 2014 **Riho Esko Maimets**, *when she falls asleep* for trumpet, cello and marimba
- 2013 **David Litke**, *parallaxi* for trumpet and piano
- 2012 **Clifford Crawley**, Trio for three trumpets
- 2011 **David J. Lang**, *Song Without Words* for trumpet and piano (co-premiere)
- 2011 **Zae Munn**, *Trumpet Calls* for choirs of trumpets
Premiered at the Chosen Vale trumpet seminar
- 2010 **Tobin Stokes**, *Trio Lyrical* for three trumpets
Premiered at the Banff Centre
- 2010 **John Estacio**, *Invocation* for antiphonal brass choirs
Premiered at the grand opening of the Kinnear Centre, Banff
- 2010 **Moritz Eggert**, *Passagen-Processional* for three trumpets
Breaking the Waves for brass and percussion
Premiered at the Cape Spear finale of Sound Symposium XV
- 2010 **Clark Ross**, *Also Sprach Sanford & Son, Alice Cooper, etc.* for trumpet and piano
Premiered at Sound Symposium XV
- 2010 **Gabriel Dharmoo**, *Sung in a Rickshaw* for solo trumpet
Premiered at Sound Symposium XV
- *2009 **Yoshiaki Onishi**, *Tu n'y trouveras que du vent* for trumpet, flute and cello
Co-commission with Joel Brennan, trumpet professor at Brandon University
Premiered at the NewFound Music Festival
- 2007 **Eric Nathan**, *Four Sculptures* for two trumpets
Premiered at the Oberlin Trumpet Seminar (Canadian premiere performed in July 2010 at Sound Symposium XV)
- 2007 **Joan Panetti**, *Fanfare* for six trumpets
Premiered at the annual conference of the International Trumpet Guild

Ensemble Performances and Affiliations**1. Regular affiliations**

2013-present **Bach Festival Chamber Orchestra**, London/Exeter, ON

- Chamber orchestra led by Gerald Fagan
- 2013-present **Western University Convocation Brass**, London, ON
- 2012-present **Orchestra London Canada**, London, ON
Extra musician for Masterworks, Pops and Education series
- 2009-2013 **Orchestre de la Francophonie**, Montreal, QC and Ottawa, ON
Summer seasons have included the complete symphonies of Beethoven and Brahms and *Symphonie Fantastique* recorded by Analekta Records
- 2007-2008 **Yale Collegium Players**, New Haven, CT
Performed and recorded Bach's *Magnificat* and Cantata 63 as solo/principal trumpet with conductors Simon Carrington and Helmuth Rilling

2. Freelance performances (since 2012)

Hannaford Street Silver Band, Nota Bene Baroque Ensemble, Stratford Chamber Orchestra, Scarborough Philharmonic, Jeans 'n Classics, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra

3. Audition experience

- 2010 **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**, Vancouver, BC
Audition semi-finalist, 2nd Trumpet (national round)
- 2009 **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**, Newark, NJ
Audition finalist, performed trial period as second trumpet
- 2008 **Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal**, Montreal, QC
Audition semi-finalist, 4th/Utility Trumpet (international round)
- 2007 **Calgary Philharmonic**, Calgary, AB
Audition semi-finalist, 2nd Trumpet (national round)

Other Professional Activities

1. Adjudicating experience

- (2015) **Ontario Provincial Finals, Kiwanis Festival**, Peterborough, ON
- 2014 **National Music Festival**, Kelowna, BC
- 2010, 2012 **Labrador West Music Festival**, Labrador City, NL
Adjudicator for all instrumental solos, chamber music, and ensembles
- 2011 **Gander Kiwanis Music Festival**, Gander, NL
Instrumental adjudicator
- 2009 **Clareville Kiwanis Music Festival**, Clareville, NL
Adjudicator for all instrumental solos, chamber music and ensembles

Professional Memberships

- 2010-present **College Music Society**
- 2009-present **Canadian Music Centre** (voting member)
- 2007-present **International Trumpet Guild**
- 2004-present **American Federation of Musicians**

University Service

- 2012-present Appointments Committee, Admissions Committee, Nominations and Operations Committee (Chair, 2013-15), Gift Fund Committee, National Scholarship Committee (university-wide committee), Faculty Council
- 2008-12 Concerts Committee (Chair, 09-10), Website Oversight Committee, Secretary to Academic Council, Recording Grants Committee, Undergraduate studies committee, Promotion and tenure committee, Search committees (low brass, musicology/ethnomusicology), Faculty of Arts Council, Student advising

Relevant Community Service

- Ongoing **Regional schools**, southwestern Ontario
Active clinician and educator
- 2013, 2014 **Brass Day at Western**, London, ON
Organized all-day events featuring Western faculty and guest artists
- 2014 **OMEA Conference**, London, ON
Trumpet clinician: "Upside-down trumpet"
- 2014 **MESA Conference**, London, ON
Trumpet clinician
- 2012 **Eastern Wind Ensemble Youth Concerto Competition**, St. John's, NL
Judge
- 2012 **Prince Andrew School**, Dartmouth, NS
School show and clinic
- 2011 **Paddywagon Trombone Quartet**, school tour of Clarendville area
Faculty mentor and guest artist on evening concert
- 2011 **Jeunesses Musicales Canada Youth Committee – St. John's**
Mentor and organizer for inaugural concert featuring iTromboni
- 2011 **fogHorns Brass Trio**, school tour of Central Newfoundland
Performances and workshops in Grand Falls-Windsor, Fogo and Summerford

Funded by a grant from the NL Arts Council

- 2010 **Outreach and Recruitment tour**, Western Newfoundland
Performances and workshops in Pasadena, Stephenville and Cornerbrook
- 2010 **Banff Brass Quintet**, Banff, AB
Outreach performances in the Banff, Canmore and Calgary areas
- 2009 **Long & McQuade/Yamaha Trumpet Day**, St. John's, NL
Helped coordinate community event including masterclass from Paul Merkelo, principal trumpet of the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal
- 2009-2012 **MUN Provincial Honour Band**, St. John's, NL
Trumpet clinician
- 2008-2011 **Newman Sound Men's Choir**, St. John's, NL
Activities include outreach performances and mentoring
- 2006-2008 **Yale University Music in Schools Initiative**, New Haven, CT
Numerous brass quintet performances and workshops in inner-city schools
Participated in development of "Music and Creative Writing" program