

Keslie Pharis, Oboe & English Horn

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Orchestral Experience and Auditions

Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Quad City Symphony Orchestra	2023–Present
Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Madison Symphony Orchestra	2022–Present
Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra	2023–Present
Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra	2022–Present
Substitute Oboe	Dubuque Symphony Orchestra	2022–Present
Second Oboe Semifinalist	Quad City Symphony Orchestra Audition	2024
Principal Oboe & English Horn	University of Wisconsin–Madison Symphony Orchestra	2021–2023
Principal Oboe Finalist	Peoria Symphony Orchestra Audition	2023
Principal Oboe Finalist	Madison Symphony Orchestra	2022
Principal Oboe	Indiana University New Music Ensemble	2020–2021
Principal Oboe	New Voices Opera	2020
Principal Oboe	Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Symphony Orchestra	2018–2020
Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Amarillo Symphony Orchestra & Plainview Symphony	2015–2016

Summer Programs & Chamber Music Experience

University of Wisconsin–Madison – Graduate Reed Quintet, Oboe, Viola, & Piano Trio	2021–2023
Miami Classical Music Festival – Opera & Conductor’s Orchestra Fellow	2021
Indiana University – The Aerosols Woodwind Quartet, Primavera Quintet, Oboe, Viola, & Piano Trio	2018–2021
Hidden Valley Seminar with Elaine Douvas	2020, 2021
MasterWorks Festival	2018, 2019
John Mack Oboe Camp	2019, 2020
Interlochen Arts Camp – Orchestral Scholar, Fine Arts Award Recipient, Woodwind Quintet Honors Recital	2017
West Texas A&M University Band Camp – Honor Camper, 2016 Featured Soloist	2013–2016

Honors, Awards, & Competitions

Paul J. Collins Graduate Fellow	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2021–2023
William Wielgus Oboe Award	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2022, 2023
Richard & Agatha Church Scholarship	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2023
Daniel Myers Memorial Scholarship	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2022
Finalist	UW–Madison Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition	2021
Honorable Mention	Indiana Music Teachers National Association State Competition	2018
Premiere Young Artist Award	Indiana University Jacobs School of Music	2017
6A All-State Symphony Orchestra	Texas Music Educators Association	2015–2017

Employment & Community Engagement

Oboe Instructor	University of Wisconsin–La Crosse	2022–Present
Bolz Teaching Assistant	University of Wisconsin–Madison Oboe Studio	2023–Present
Teacher	Keslie Pharis Private Oboe Studio – Madison, WI & Amarillo, TX	2018–Present
President	Classical Connections at Indiana University	2020–2021

Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Oboe Performance	University of Wisconsin–Madison Mead Witter School of Music	Anticipated May 2025
Master of Music in Oboe Performance	University of Wisconsin–Madison Mead Witter School of Music	December 18, 2022
Bachelor of Music in Oboe Performance with Distinction	Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana	May 8, 2021

Principal Teachers

Lindsay Flowers	Linda Strommen	Robert Krause	Alice Cooke
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