

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 Audition	2022
Principal Oboe	New Voices Opera	2020
Substitute Oboe & English Horn	Amarillo Symphony Orchestra & Plainview Symphony	2015–2016

Summer Festivals

Taneycomo Festival Orchestra – Branson, MO	2025
Madison Bach Musicians Summer Chamber Music Workshop	2025
Miami Classical Music Festival – Opera & Conductor’s Orchestra Fellow	2021
Hidden Valley Seminar with Elaine Douvas	2020, 2021
MasterWorks Festival – Spartanburg, SC	2018, 2019
John Mack Oboe Camp – Little Switzerland, NC	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

Graduate Creative Arts Award	University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of the Arts	2025
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

Employment & Community Engagement

Oboe Instructor	University of Wisconsin–La Crosse	2022–Present
Lecturer of Music Business	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2025–Present
President	Capitol City Band Association Board of Directors	2025–Present
Bolz Teaching Assistant	University of Wisconsin–Madison Oboe Studio	2023–2025
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	May 9, 2025
University of Wisconsin–Madison Mead Witter School of Music	
Master of Music in Oboe Performance	December 18, 2022
University of Wisconsin–Madison Mead Witter School of Music	
Bachelor of Music in Oboe Performance with Distinction	May 8, 2021
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana	

Principal Teachers

Lindsay Flowers	Linda Strommen	Robert Krause	Alice Cooke
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