

Theresa Abalos

Musician | Performer | Writer | Teaching Artist

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Khūrākī: A Celebration of Afghanistan in Pittsburgh | Flutist 2019

- Collaborated with artistic director Molly Rice and fellow musicians to select, arrange, & perform music based on Afghan traditions and provinces for a live-art piece commissioned by the Office of Public Art.

FUGA | Flutist Dec 2017

- Provided live music for FUGA, a bilingual play written by Paloma Sierra-Hernández about the Puerto Rican diaspora in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Sari Sari | Flutist & Kulintang Player Fall 2019

- Arranged & performed traditional Philippine flute music for the annual dance recital of the Philippine-American Performing Arts of Greater Pittsburgh.
- Improvised on the kulintang, a traditional Philippine instrument.

Musicians with a Mission | Flutist 2016 - Present

- Visit senior centers across Pittsburgh & perform room-to-room, taking requests from patients.

PROJECTS

A Place Built of Sound | Poet & Flutist Spring 2019

- Created solo interdisciplinary performance examining inclusivity in classical music.
- Presented at Chamber Music Pittsburgh & Carnegie Mellon's Kaleidoscope.

Project-LOGUE | Translator Spring 2019

- Translated Tagalog poem to English for exhibition of Pittsburgh's linguistic diversity.

Who are the "folk" of *música folclórica*? | Researcher 2018 - 2019

- Presented at Society of Ethnomusicology on indigeneity, collective ownership, & the performance of belonging in Argentine folk music.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Creative Expression | Teaching Assistant 2017 - 2019

- Developed improvisation exercises & led students at Carnegie Mellon Music Preparatory School in collaborating to create music inspired by community partners, including: seniors experiencing Alzheimer's, Syrian poet Osama Alomar, & mayor of Wilkinsburg Marita Garrett.

Carnegie Mellon Global Communication Center | Tutor 2018 - Present

- Consult graduate & undergraduate students on effective communication for projects in STEM, humanities, business, the arts, applications, etc.

Private Flute Teacher 2014 - Present

- Instruct beginner & intermediate flutists in technique, musicianship, & theory.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA
May 2020

Bachelor of Humanities & Arts
Flute Performance & Global Studies
Hispanic Studies Minor
QPA: 3.97

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
Argentina
Summer 2018

AWARDS

Beinecke Scholarship
Nominee
Feb 2019

Adamson Award for Poetry
May 2019

Small Undergraduate Research Grant
Nov 2018

Spanish Studies Abroad Diversity Scholarship
May 2018

Jennings Family Brave Companion Fund
Mar 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Award for Poetry
Nov 2016