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I am a professional fiddle player and software developer.

I won the Arizona State Grand Fiddle Championship and have been a featured soloist with The Phoenix Symphony. I fiddled at Planet Hollywood in Paris, received standing ovations at jazz festivals across America, got hands clapping and feet stomping at country music festivals throughout Europe, worked as a rock violinist on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, enjoyed a brief stint as a strolling violinist on a cruise ship to Ensenada, and played thousands of gigs in my home state of Arizona. I was Adjunct Faculty at Grand Canyon University in 2018 and 2019.

I am also a freelance software developer. I do contract work on websites, mobile apps, and whatever else seems interesting. My primary languages are HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, Java, and SQL.

Education:

- Master of Liberal Studies, ASU (2006)
- Bachelor of Music in Theory and Composition, ASU (2003)
- Bachelor of Music in Performance (jazz violin), ASU (2003)
- Associate of Arts, Mesa Community College (1998)

Awards:

- Arizona State Grand Fiddle Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- Arizona State Young Adult Division Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- Arizona State Guitar Accompanist Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- "The Rep's Best" Country Band, The Arizona Republic (2005)

Certifications:

- Computer Organization and Assembly Language Programming – ASU (2019)

Computer Language Skills:

- JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Python, Java, SQL

Technology:

- Inkscape, Gimp, Blender, LibreOffice, Cakewalk, MuseScore, Visual Studio Code

Math Test Scores:

- Accuplacer: 300 (perfect score)
- CLEP Calculus: 75 out of 80 (earning 4 college credits of Calculus with Analytic Geometry)

Teaching Experience:

- Grand Canyon University: Adjunct Faculty (Fall 2018 / Spring 2019)
- Arizona State University: Jazz Violin Workshops (March 2010, April 2012, and April 2015)
- Instructor at Rolland Fiddle Camp (June 2013, July 2012, and July 2011)

Performed and/or Recorded with:

- The Phoenix Symphony as a featured fiddle soloist (April 25 and 26, 2015)
- country music legend Glen Campbell
- bluegrass and jazz mandolin icon David Grisman
- jazz violin legend Johnny Frigo
- Nashville dobro virtuoso Jerry Douglas

Commissioned Arrangement:

- Phoenix Symphony Concertmaster Borivoj 'Boro' Martinic-Jercic: Happy Birthday

Selected Performances:

(2020 -2022)

- Pat James Band @ Mountain View Pub, Cave Creek AZ (April 29, 2022)
- Pat James Band @ Big Bronco, Cave Creek AZ (April 22, 2022)
- Pat James Band @ Handlebar J, Scottsdale AZ (April 15, 2022)
- The Lucky Charms @ Rio Verde AZ (March 17, 2022)
- Cowboy Up @ Venture Out Resort Mesa, AZ (March 11, 2022)
- Christmas Duo @ Village Square at Dana Park Mesa, AZ (December 19, 2021)
- Christmas Duo @ Village Square at Dana Park Mesa, AZ (December 12, 2021)
- Cowboy Up @ Rio Verde AZ (November 6, 2021)

(2001 – 2019)

- Adjunct Faculty @ Grand Canyon University (Fall 2018 – present)
- Thursdays @ The Mammoth Saloon – Goldfields Ghost Town (Nov 2018 – March 2019)
- Every week at the Rockin' R Ranch dinner theatre (summer 2015 to December 1, 2018)
- The Big Iron Band @ Old Tucson (July 16, 2018)
- Corner Brook Arts and Culture Centre - Newfoundland, Canada (April 14, 2018)
- Gander Arts and Culture Centre - Newfoundland, Canada (April 13, 2018)
- Holy Heart Theatre – Newfoundland, Canada (April 12, 2018)
- The Big Iron Band @ Green Valley, AZ CPAC (March 3, 2018)
- Cocopah Casino River Room – Yuma, AZ (January 27, 2018)
- Granbury Opera House @ Granbury, TX (January 20-21, 2018)
- Thursdays @ The Mammoth Saloon – Goldfields Ghost Town (Jan 2017 – March 2018)
- Speaking Rock Entertainment Center – El Paso, Texas (August 31, 2017)
- Riverside Resort and Casino – Laughlin Nevada (August 2-6, 2017)
- Northern Waters Casino Resort, Watersmeet Michigan (July 28, 2017)
- Hon-Dah Resort – Pine Top, Arizona (July 21, 2017)
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- Lancy Festival – Geneva, Switzerland (July 7-8, 2017)
- Ute Mountain Casino – Towaoc, Colorado (July 1, 2017)
- Alto Lakes Club – Ruidoso, New Mexico (July 4, 2017)
- Harrahs AK-Chin Casino – Phoenix, Arizona (June 2, 2017)
- The Mining Camp – Apache Junction, Arizona (Daily: March 28 – April 15 2017)
- The Mining Camp – Apache Junction, Arizona (Daily: January 3 -21 2017)
- Hon-Dah Casino – Apache Junction, Arizona (July 12-16 2016)
- Arcosanti – Mayer, Arizona (April 20, 2016)
- The Mining Camp – Apache Junction, Arizona (Daily: March 22 – April 9, 2016)
- The Mining Camp – Apache Junction, Arizona (Daily: Feb. 16-20, 2016)
- The Mining Camp – Apache Junction, Arizona (Daily: Dec. 19, 2015 – Jan. 16, 2016)
- Arizona Music Hall of Fame – Phoenix, Arizona (September 27, 2015)
- The Rockin' R Ranch – Mesa, Arizona (September 2015 – December 1, 2018)
- Hon-Dah Resort – Pinetop, Arizona (July 14 -18, 2015)
- Featured Soloist with The Phoenix Symphony @ Symphony Hall (April 25 and 26, 2015)
- Jazz Violin Workshop @ Arizona State University (March 31, 2015)
- "Mike Cirillo's Hot Club of Arizona" @ Garden City, Kansas (March 13–14, 2015)
- 'The Amazing McNasty Brothers' @ The Mining Camp (November 4, 2014–May 2, 2015)
- 'The Album Project: Jagged Little Pill' @ Nearly Naked Theatre (September 6-14, 2014)
- 'Big River' @ Mesa Arts Center for Mesa Encore Theater (April 4 – April 20, 2014)
- Fiddle/Jazz Violin Clinic at The Music Store, Mesa, Arizona (February 17, 2014)
- 'The Mike Cirillo Ensemble' on KTAR Radio (February 15, 2014)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor – Hermits Basin, Colorado (June 23-29, 2013)
- Phoenix Musicians Music Hall with Mike Breen and the Big Dream (June 4, 2013)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor – Hermits Basin, Colorado (July 2012)

- ASU Alternative Violin Performance and Pedagogy Workshop (April 21, 2012)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor - Hermit Basin, Colorado (July 2011)
- Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden - Phoenix, Arizona (March 22, 2010)
- ASU Alternative Violin Performance and Pedagogy Workshop (March 9, 2010)
- el Pedregal: Jazz Concert Series – Scottsdale, Arizona (February 22, 2009)
- Warm up act for Beach Boys Concert – Verrado, Arizona (November 4, 2008)
- Tucson Jazz Society, Jazz Under the Stars – Tucson, Arizona (May 7, 2006)
- Team Country Cup 2005 – Roeser, Euro Luxemburg (July 23, 2005)
- 14th Correggio Country Music Festival – Correggio, Italy (July 17, 2005)
- Country Music Festival – Tullins, France (July 16, 2005)
- Arizona Café – Paris, France (July 14, 2005)
- Coors Cowboy Ranch Rodeo – Amarillo, Texas (June 2-4, 2005)
- Planet Hollywood Paris - Paris, France (May 3, 2005)
- Vitamina Circus Lonestar Time – Imola, Italy (April 24, 2005)
- Disneyland Paris – Paris, France (April 22, 2005)
- Arizona Café – Paris, France (April 21, 2005)
- Festival off Printemps de Bourges – Bourge, France (April 20, 2005)
- Berger Theater – Tucson, Arizona (September 11, 2004)
- Festival de Country Music de Berck sur Mer – Berck sur Mer, France (July 4, 2004)
- Coors Cowboy Ranch Rodeo – Amarillo, Texas (June 2-4, 2004)
- Tucson Folk Festival – Tucson, Arizona (May 1, 2004)
- Kerr Cultural Center – Scottsdale, Arizona (February 4, 2004)
- The Saddle Ranch Chop House – Hollywood, California (Nightly, Summer 2003)

(1991 – 2000)

- The Red River Music Hall – Tempe, Arizona (between 2 and 9 shows per week for 9 years)

(1988 – 1991)

- Mike Cirillo Ensemble, Kerr Cultural Center – Scottsdale, Arizona (October 11, 1991)
- Sacramento Jazz Festival – Sacramento, California (June 3, 1990)
- Redding Jazz Festival – Redding, California (April 6-8, 1990)
- Jazz Conference – Albuquerque, New Mexico (February 11, 1990)
- Scottsdale Dixieland Jazz Festival – Scottsdale, Arizona (November 24-26, 1989)
- Wyndam Hotel Jazz Festival – Palm Springs, California (December 29-31, 1989)
- Jazz Festival Invasion – San Diego, California (November 24-26, 1989)
- San Francisco Jazz Festival – San Francisco, California (September 9-10, 1989)
- Essex Jazz Festival – Essex, Connecticut (August 11-13, 1989)
- Jazz Festival on the AZURE SEAS of the Admiral Cruise Line (July 28-31, 1989)
- Sacramento Jazz Festival – Sacramento, California (May 26-29, 1989)
- Tampa Florida Jazz Festival – Tampa, Florida (September 1-5, 1988)
- San Juan Jazz Festival – Friday harbor, Washington (July 22-24, 1988)
- Sixth Annual Gold Nugget Jazz Festival – Reno, Nevada (July 2-4, 1988)