

Michael Cirillo

Curriculum Vitae

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I am a professional fiddler/jazz violinist/composer. 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, played thousands of gigs in my home state of Arizona, and served as adjunct faculty at Grand Canyon University fall 2018 and spring 2019. My other passions include mathematics and computer science.

Education:

- Master of Liberal Studies (science, society, and creative non-fiction writing), 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)

Recent Teaching:

- Grand Canyon University: Adjunct Faculty (Fall 2018 and 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)

Certifications:

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

Recent Teaching Publications:

- The Cirillo Method: Toward Musical Self-Actualization (2019)
- Five Arrangements for Student String Ensembles (2011)
- The Fiddler's Journey (2008)

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

Arrangement Commissioned by:

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

Media Technology Skills:

- Sonar (digital audio workstation), Finale (music notation and composition), Blender (CGI, 3D modeling, animation, compositing, video editing), GIMP (bitmap image creation and manipulation), Inkscape (vector image creation, SVG)

Computer Language Skills:

- JavaScript, HTML, CSS, SVG, PHP, Python, Processing, Java, C#

Math Test Scores:

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

Selected Performances:

(2001 – 2019)

- Adjunct Faculty @ Grand Canyon University (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)
- 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 – Bourges, 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)