

Sophia Suante

Percussion Instructor

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Invest connections and personal growth with students to develop their self-confidence

Education

2024 **Middle Tennessee State University**
Master of Music, *Percussion Performance*

2021 **University of North Texas**
Bachelor of Music, *Percussion Performance*

Teaching Experience

2024 – Present **The University of Alabama in Huntsville**
Percussion Instructor
Duties: Private Lessons, Percussion Ensemble, Steel Band

2024 – Present **Memphis Blues Drum Corps**
Front Ensemble Coordinator

2022 – 2024 **Middle Tennessee State University**
Percussion Graduate Teaching Assistant
Duties: Private Lessons, Steel Band, Percussion Ensemble, Band of Blue Marching Percussion Section

2023 – Present **Eagleville Schools**
Band Supplement
Duties: Marching Percussion Section, Private Lessons

2022 – Present **Williamson County Schools**
Band Supplement
Duties: Marching Percussion Section, Private Lessons

2022 **Forney ISD**
Private Lesson Instructor

2021 **Highland Park High School**
Front Ensemble Technician

Professional Performance Experience

2024	World Percussion Group Artist
2023	Nashville School of the Arts Substitute Percussionist
2022	Enchant Nashville Performer
2022	Dallas Asian Winds Substitute Percussionist
2021	Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Substitute Percussionist
2020 – 2021	Santa Clara Vanguard Front Ensemble Member
2016 – 2024	John Horn High School Choir Percussion Specialist

Collegiate Performance Experience

2024	Middle Tennessee State University Basketball Band Drum Set Substitute
2023 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Jazz Combos Drum set <i>Under the direction of Jamey Simmons</i>
2022 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Percussion Ensemble Member <i>Under the direction of Lalo Davila, Dr. Brian Mueller</i>
2022 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Wind Ensemble Member <i>Under the direction of Dr. Reed Thomas</i>
2022 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Steel Band Tenor Pan and Double Seconds <i>Under the direction of Lalo Davila, Dr. Brian Mueller</i>

2021 – 2022	University of North Texas Choral Studies Percussion Specialist <i>Under the direction of Dr. Kristina Caswell MacMullen, Dr. Jessica Nápoles, and Dr. McKenna Stenson</i>
2021	North Texas Basketball Band Drum Set Substitute
2020 – 2021	University of North Texas Advanced Afro-Cuban Ensemble Member <i>Under the direction of José Aponte</i>
2020	University of North Texas Gamelan Member <i>Under the direction of Ed Smith</i>
2019 – 2021	University of North Texas Percussion Ensemble Member <i>Under the direction of Mark Ford, Paul Rennick, and Christopher Deane</i>
2019 – 2021	University of North Texas South Indian Ensemble Member <i>Under the direction of Poovalur Sriji</i>
2019	University of North Texas Steel Bands Tenor Pan <i>Under the direction of Mark Ford</i>
2018 – 2019	University of North Texas Wind Studies Member <i>Under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Enrico Williams and Dr. Daniel Cook</i>

Arrangement Experience

2024	Coffee County Central High School High School Drumline Cadences, Percussion Packet, and Marching Show
2023 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Jazz Combos Daahoud by Clifford Brown Sunny Side of the Street by Fats Waller Fly Me to the Moon by Bart Howard A Night in Tunisia by Dizzy Gillespie Windows by Chick Corea

2023	Band of Blue Marching Band Front Ensemble Lot Tune: Dancing Queen by ABBA
2023	Middle Tennessee State University Steel Band Bubblegum K.K. by Atsuko Asahi
2023	Eagleville Schools Marching Band Percussion Arranger, High School Drumline Cadences, and Percussion Packet
2021	University of North Texas South Indian Ensemble Sweet 17 by Poovalur Sriji

Other Experience

2022 – 2024	Middle Tennessee State University Percussion Studio Instrument Maintenance, Inventory, Rehearsal Space Maintenance, Concert Logistics, Jury and Audition Panel Member
2018 – 2021	University of North Texas Percussion Studio Instrument Maintenance, Rehearsal Space Maintenance, Set Up/Tear Down Crew for studio related performances

Awards and Recognitions

2024	Outstanding Musician Illinois Jacquet Jazz Festival
2023	1st Place Tom Naylor Memorial Solo Artist Competition
2023	2nd Place PAS Tennessee Day of Percussion, College Keyboard Division
2021	1st Place Southern Percussion Ensemble Virtual Mallet Keyboard Contest
2020	3rd Place DCI Performers Showcase, Percussion Keyboard Under 22

Masterclasses

2024	Tennessee Day of Percussion: Andrea Venet
2023	PASIC Keyboard Masterclass with Ivan Trevino <i>2 + 1 by Ivan Trevino</i>
2023	Andy Narell
2022	Norman Weinberg
2022	Manuel "Manotas" Ramirez
2019	Frédéric Macarez

World Premieres

2021	The Yellow Nimbus Chick Corea arranged by Brian Jones
2021	Infinite Movement Shara Nova and Matthew Richie

Professional Development

2018 – Present	Percussive Arts Society VIP Membership
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