

# Resume

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## *Violin Making Experience*

2004 -- present

Currently I work full time as a violin maker and repairer in Singapore. I work for the violin shop of Szabo Istvan. I do repairs, restorations, new instrument making, sound adjustment, bow repairs and other miscellaneous works on instruments and bows.

2000 – 2003

Studied at Chicago School of Violin Making, Illinois, USA. Graduated in December 2003.

Completed five violins, two violas and one cello. Participated in repair seminar for two semesters, where as a class, we did plaster casts, soundpost patches, crack gluing and cleating, peghole bushing, neck graft, neck reset, edge replacement, edge doubling, gluing a cleat on a cello rib without removing the top.

2003 summer vacation

Worked in the violin shop of Peter Seman, Skokie, IL.

2000 summer vacation and 2001 January to July

Worked in the violin shop of Szabo Istvan, Singapore.

## *Education*

1993 – 1997

Department of Electrical Engineering, National University of Singapore.

Graduated with Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) with Honours (2<sup>nd</sup> class).

1991 – 1992

Raffles Junior College, Singapore. Graduated with 6 Distinctions at GCE 'A' level examinations.

1987 – 1990

The Chinese High School, Singapore. Graduated with six A1's and one A2 in GCE 'O' level examination.

(detailed transcripts and certificates available on request.)

## *Other professional qualifications*

Licentiate piano performer's diploma, Trinity College of Music, London, 1991.

## ***Work Experience***

1992 – 1999

Self employed music tutor. (Part time from 1992 to 1997.)

Duties included recruiting new students, planning a curriculum, finding course material, and preparing students for examinations, besides teaching.

1997 August – November

Accounts cum admin assistant (temporary, part time), Grace Assembly of God. Had an overview of how an accounting system functions within an organization. My duties included bookkeeping, helping to prepare the budget, and keeping track of fixed assets.

1996 January – June

Software engineer (on industrial attachment), Institute of Systems Science. Work involved experimental programming for KidSpace, a multimedia interactive network game. I learned and applied software engineering principles in a team environment, in particular, designing software and writing programs in a collaborative manner. We used the object oriented Java programming language. We conducted product demonstrations and represented our company at a trade convention.

## ***Interests and other activities***

Member of National University of Singapore (NUS) Symphony Orchestra as a student from 1993 to 1997, and as alumni member thereafter. I play violin and viola. The orchestra gives regular performances both in and out of campus. The 2004 season included a tour of Bangkok, Thailand, performing The Merry Widow opera in collaboration with Singapore Lyric Opera, and participation in Singapore Idol.

Church musician (piano, electronic keyboard, band leader) from 1988 to the present.

## ***Other skills***

Good understanding of computer hardware, software and networking. I have experience building a PC from parts, installing operating system, application and networking software (both commercial and open source varieties), and connecting computers into a network.

Piano tuning. I taught myself how to tune a piano from books and information that is available from the Internet.

Advanced bicycle maintenance (including wheel building) and basic car maintenance.