

Charlotte Ruth Harrison is a multi-faceted musician with a presence that inspires and uplifts.

Born and raised in Utah, Harrison studied oboe performance with Dr. GERALYN GIOVANNETTI at Brigham Young University and graduated *magna cum laude*. She earned a master of music specializing in orchestral conducting from the University of Texas at Arlington under the tutelage of Dr. Clifton Evans. Her musical studies have spanned genres and ensemble types including Baroque, classical, contemporary, jazz, chorale, and more.

An active conductor, oboist, educator, singer, and pianist, she is passionate about inspiring and mentoring other musicians and has taught music to all different age groups.

Sought after for her emotionally moving playing, Harrison has served as principal oboist and English horn player in the top orchestras and bands at BYU and UTA. Her virtuosic solo playing has led her to play in masterclasses with many of today's leading oboists.

"I am delighted to join the VSA Orchestra and Chorus to explore and celebrate music from young and growing composers. Whether you are coming to extend your knowledge of classical and contemporary music, or to enjoy a night of beautiful melodies, this will be a concert you won't want to miss."

Most recently, Harrison held the position of assistant conductor and librarian for the UTA Symphony Orchestra from 2020-2022. Before this she conducted the BYU Group for New Music from fall 2019 to spring 2020. She has also guest conducted several community orchestra rehearsals including the Utah Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Texas Symphony Orchestra. Harrison has also had the privilege of working with many of the country's finest conducting educators in masterclasses including Marin Alsop, Dianne Wittry, John Farrer, Edward Cumming, Mark Laycock, Dirk Brosse, and Salvatore DiVittorio. She was chosen as one of two finalists for the Respighi prize in conducting at the New York Conducting Workshop and conducted the Chamber Orchestra of New York in their Memorial Day concert in May 2022.

Harrison currently resides in the Utah Valley area with her family. In between her professional gigs on oboe and conducting she enjoys cooking, eating and exploring the great outdoors.