

**ELENA SPECHT**  
**Résumé**

**EDUCATION**

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**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** East Lansing, MI  
Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition Expected May 2021  
University Distinguished Fellow

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER** Boulder, CO  
Master of Music in Composition December 2017  
Certificate in College Teaching  
Thurston E. Manning Scholarship in Composition

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC** Nashville, TN  
Bachelor of Music in Music Composition, *summa cum laude* May 2015  
Minors in American Studies and Horn Performance  
Blair Dean's Honor Scholarship; Dean's List

**WORK EXPERIENCE IN MUSIC**

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- Graduate Teaching Assistant in Music Theory/Aural Skills, CU Boulder 2015 – 2017
- Composer/Arranger for the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras Wind Ensemble; arranging work for the Denver Pops Orchestra 2015 – Present
- Summer Music Academy Counselor, CU Boulder 2017
- Library Student Assistant, Howard B. Waltz Music Library 2015 – 2017
- Student Assistant in Music Theory and Musicology 2012 – 2015
- Library Student Assistant, Ann Potter Wilson Music Library 2011 – 2015
- Teaching Assistant for *From Bach to Rock: A History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music* Summers 2013 – 2014
- Transcription and Editing of *The Imposter, Concerto for Banjo* by Béla Fleck with Dr. Thomas Verrier 2014 – 2015
- Horn and Piano Instructor to students ages 5-16 2009 – 2012

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- Winner, Pro Musica Colorado Chamber Orchestra Composition Competition 2017
- Winner, Wind Ensemble Composition Competition, CU Boulder 2016
- Member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society 2015 – Present
- Student Marshall at Vanderbilt University Commencement Ceremonies 2015
- Recipient of the Recording Academy Scholarship 2014
- Runner-up, Vanderbilt University Orchestral Composition Competition 2014
- Junior Thesis, “The Challenges and Strategies of Composing for Wind Band/Ensemble,” nominated and selected for the Undergraduate Writing Symposium 2014

**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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- New Opera Workshop, CU Boulder 2016 – 2018
- Pendulum New Music Series Committee Member, CU Boulder 2016 – 2017
- Exchange of Midwestern Collegiate Composers Conference 2017
- Graduate Teacher Program Workshops, CU Boulder 2015 – 2017
- Engaging Students: Pedagogy Unconference 2015
- President of the Composers Forum at the Blair School of Music 2014 – 2015
- Vanderbilt Music Académie, Aix-en-Provence, studying/performing chamber music 2014
- Blair School of Music orchestra, wind ensemble, and chamber ensembles 2011 – 2015