



# Linda L. Rife

**Summary** Experienced teacher who is also skilled as a performer, composer and conductor. Works well with students of all ages. Has a passion for avant-garde and world music while maintaining a strong foundation in western classical music. Communicates well with people of all backgrounds and experience.

**Experience** **California Institute of the Arts** 2012-2013  
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Classroom setup, grading, tutoring, substitute teaching.
- Survey of World Music, Music Cultures: The Music of China, Survey of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Music.

**Private Teacher** 2006-Present

- Private music lessons in Violoncello, Music Theory, Composition, Beginning Strings, and Beginning Piano.
- Beginning Strings Classes (Excelsus Music, Emerson Parkside Academy – Long Beach, CA).
- Private language lessons in English and Spanish.

**Berlitz Languages, Inc.** 2004-2012  
Teacher

- Private and group lessons in English and Spanish.
- Lessons for adults and children.
- Instructor of the Year (2009).

**Santa Ana Unified School District** 2002-2006  
Substitute Teacher

- K-12 substitute teacher in all subjects, especially music, Spanish, and mathematics.
- Two long-term positions teaching Spanish at Saddleback High School.

**Education** **California Institute of the Arts** 2013  
M.F.A in Composition – Herb Alpert School of Music.

**California State University, Los Angeles** 2011  
B.M. in Composition, *Suma Cum Laude*. Member—Golden Key International Honour Society.

**California State University, Long Beach** 2002  
B.A. in Translation and Interpretation Studies and Spanish. Certificate in Latin American Studies.



## **Skills**

### Music

- Highly skilled in violoncello and voice.
- Intermediate skills in percussion, piano, and other string instruments.
- In depth knowledge of woodwind and brass instruments.
- Composer and conductor.
- Skilled in the use of many music software platforms.
- Knowledge and skill in many world music genres, including Hindustani, Indonesian, Native North American, and Chinese.

### Language

- English, Spanish, intermediate Italian
- Excellent writing skills

### Software

- Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint, Pages, Keynote, Adobe Photoshop and Dreamweaver.
- Sibelius, Finale, Pro Tools, Ableton Live, Native Instruments Komplete, Max/MSP/Jitter, Li'l Miss Scale Oven