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Objective

Compose music for – and otherwise help design and develop – videogames and other interactive storytelling media.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, PA	Class of 2009
Bachelor of Humanities and Arts: Violin Performance and Multimedia Production 3.66/4.00 GPA		
Cheltenham High School	Wyncote, PA	Class of 2005

Musical Training and Performance

Private Music Lessons	1997-Present
Violin from Judith Harvey (1997 to May 2005), Cyrus Forough (Sept. 2005 to present) Additional private lessons received in piano and percussion	
Cheltenham String Quartet	2001-2004
First violin in a student-formed string quartet; included weekly practices, plus paid and volunteer performances	
The Curves	2002-2003
Drummer and Electric Violinist for an independent band, with performances at coffeehouses, fundraisers and private parties; two independent CDs recorded: <i>Idiot Check</i> (2002) and <i>All the Rage</i> (2003)	
Summer Violin Studies	
International Music Academy Pilsen, Czech Republic (2005, 2006) Beverly Hills International Music Festival (2007)	
Orchestral Experience	1998-Present
Repertoire Orchestra, Carnegie Mellon University (present) Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic (2005 to 2007) District, Regional and State orchestras Local orchestras and orchestral summer programs throughout high school Middle school and high school orchestras	

Videogame Creation

Game Creation Society	Carnegie Mellon University	2007
Music composer for <i>Arbarlith 2</i> (completed spring 2006) and project leader for <i>Super Crawl</i> (in development)		
Lead Developer of <i>Mission Nutrition</i>	Independent	2007
Responsible for game concept, design, art, animation, and music; created during one semester of biweekly game creation lessons from a Game Creation Society cofounder (Chris DeLeon of www.deleongames.com)		
Relevant Coursework	Carnegie Mellon University	2006, 2007
<i>Introduction to Intermediate Programming</i> , a Java course with professor Jim Roberts <i>Fun with Robots</i> , a student-led course on introductory programming in the C language		

Teaching

Senior Independent Project	2005
Assistant to the director of String Orchestra at Cedarbrook Middle School, providing instruction for beginning students in violin and preliminary conducting experience; included performances for students and faculty	
Philadelphia Art and Music School Summer Program	July 2004 / 2007
Teaching Assistant; assisted students (kindergarten to high school) with practices, sectionals and ensemble concert	
Private Violin Lessons	2007
One 11-year old student, a beginning violinist	

Miscellaneous Interests

Interested in robotics, skateboarding, health food, French language studies, and all things Disney.
Weekly cartoonist for "The Tartan," Carnegie Mellon University's campus newspaper
Movies: *Honey I Shrunk the Kids*, *E.T.*, *Drop Dead Fred*. Games: *Commander Keen*, *Monster Bash*, *Disney's Aladdin*

See my online portfolio at www.RachelBerkowitz.com for completed music samples, games, and comics