

MUSICAL BACKGROUND

Sage Degand started her music career in elementary school with guitar and alto saxophone. Once in high school, this was expanded to other instruments. With experience in composing and performing popular music, she then began advanced piano lessons and composing classical music. Degand has years of performance experience, and has recently won awards for her saxophone performances and compositions.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Oak Park River Forest High School – Class of 2016

- Wind Ensemble – Alto Saxophone, First Chair, Section Leader – 2015
- Wind Ensemble – Tenor Saxophone, First Chair - 2014
- Concert Orchestra – Cello – 2014, 2015

EAMA (European American Musical Alliance) Summer Composition Program - 2015

ILMEA (Illinois Music Education Association) Composition Track – 2015

Interlochen Center for the Arts Summer Saxophone Institute - 2015

Illinois Wesleyan University Summer Composition Institute – 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

Saxophone

North American Saxophone Alliance (NASA), High School Solo Competition Finalist - 2016

Illinois (ILMEA) All-State Honors Band, Second Chair, Alto Saxophone - 2015

OPRF High School Concerto Competition Winner – Villa-Lobos Concerto, Soprano Saxophone - 2015

Illinois (ILMEA) All District Senior Band, First Chair, Alto Saxophone – 2015

Quinlan & Fabish All-Stars Concert Band, Alto Saxophone (with trumpeter Doc Severinsen) - 2015

OPRF High School Band Director's Award – 2015

Triton College Concerto Competition, Second Place - Glazunov Concerto, Alto Saxophone - 2015

OPRF High School Concerto Competition Winner – Glazunov Concerto, Alto Saxophone - 2014

Illinois (ILMEA) All District Senior Band, First Chair, Tenor Saxophone – 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Composition

ILMEA State Composition Contest, First Place, Vocal Solo - 2015
 ILMEA State Composition Contest, Second Place, Solo to Chamber Ensemble -2015
 ILMEA State Composition Contest, Honorable Mention, Large Ensemble - 2015
 CCPA Young Composers Competition, Second Place - 2015
 Young Composers Challenge, Finalist - 2015
 ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Awards, Finalist – 2015
 ILMEA State Composition Contest, Honorable Mention, Solo to Chamber Ensemble - 2014
 ILMEA State Composition Contest, Honorable Mention, Popular Music - 2014

PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHERS

Composition – Dr. Philip Lasser	2015 to Present
Composition – Dr. David Grant	2014 to Present
Saxophone – Dr. Jessica Maxfield	2015 to Present
Saxophone and Clarinet – Linda Van Dyke	2012 to 2015
Piano – Dr. Joann Cho	2014 to Present
Oboe – Ricardo Castaneda	2014 to 2015
Cello – Carolyn Wright	2013 to 2015
Voice – Kim Frost	2012
Guitar – Curt Morrison	2011 to 2014

MASTERCLASSES

Dr. Timothy McAllister – Glazunov Saxophone Concerto (Interlochen)	2015
Zachary Shemon – Glazunov Saxophone Concerto (Interlochen)	2015
Dr. Philip Lasser – Nadia Boulanger (EAMA Paris)	2015
Dr. David Conte – Nadia Boulanger (EAMA Paris)	2015
Dr. Bryon Adams – Musicology (EAMA Paris)	2015
Dr. Roy Howat – Musicology (EAMA Paris)	2015

PERFORMANCES

Composition – A Drop fell on the Apple Tree, Premiered at ILMEA State Conference (2016)

Soprano Saxophone, Saxophone Quartet – Steve Cochran Show, Chicago WGN Radio (2015)

Composition – String Quartet No. 1: Attica, Premiered at EAMA Paris (2015)

Alto Saxophone – Glazunov Concerto with OPRF High School’s Symphony Orchestra (2015)

Oboe, Alto Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone – Pit Orchestra for OPRF High School’s production of “Anything Goes” (2015)

Cello – Playing the part of “The Musician” in the production of The Sandbox by Edward Albee (2014)

Tenor Saxophone – Opening act for jazz trumpeter Etienne Charles at a Benefit for Children of Haiti (2013)

Alto Saxophone – Saxophone Ensemble performances at OPRF High School (2013 to Present)

Tenor Saxophone - Saxophone Quartet performances at OPRF High School (2013 to Present)

Cello, Alto Saxophone, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Piano and Vocals – Various local band performances at Chicago area venues (2011 – 2014)

TEACHING AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Senior Instructional Leadership Corps (SILC) for OPRF High School Symphonic Band - 2016

Private Teacher for Saxophone and Cello Students (Six students in Oak Park area) – 2014 to Present

Saxophone Teaching Volunteer for PING (Providing Instruments for the Next Generation) – 2014 to 2015