

Sabin Levi

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Vita as of 2017

EDUCATION

Composition

2004	D.M.A., University of Kansas
1997	M.M., Brigham Young University
1995	B. Mus., Jerusalem Rubin Academy for Music and Dance, Jerusalem, Israel

Organ

2004	D.M.A., (second) University of Kansas
1998	M.M., (second) Brigham Young University
1995	B. Mus., (second) Jerusalem Rubin Academy for Music and Dance, Jerusalem, Israel
1986 -1990	Organ study in the Bulgarian Music Academy, Sofia, Bulgaria
1986 -1990	Pianist Diploma, Sofia Music School, Sofia, Bulgaria

Carillon

1998 – 1999	Studied with Prof. Albert Gerken in the University of Kansas
1996 – 1998	Studied with Prof. Don Cook in Brigham Young University

CERTIFICATIONS

Organ

1999	FAGO (Fellow of the American Guild of Organists), AGO
1998	AAGO (Associate of the American Guild of Organists), AGO

Carillon

1998	Carillonneur Player Member Certificate of the GCNA (Guild of Carillonneurs in North America)
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- 2015 - Associate Professor, Music Theory and Organ,
National Music Academy “Prof. Pancho Vladigerov”, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2011 – Assistant Professor, Music Theory, NMA
- 2009 -2013 Organ instructor, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1995 – 1997 Assistant organ instructor, Brigham Young University – taught two undergraduate group organ courses

Organist and Choir Conductor

- 2005 – 2008 Staff Organist, Community of Christ Headquarters, Independence, MO
- 2002 – 2006 Organist and Composer-in-Residence, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Independence, MO
- 1999 – 2008 Organist and Choir Director, St. Rafael The Archangel Church (Catholic), Kansas City, MO
- 1999 – 2001 Organist and Assistant Choir Director, Red Bridge Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) Kansas City, MO
- 1998 Organist, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lawrence, KS
- 1997 Assistant Organist, Cathedral of Madeleine (Catholic), Salt Lake City, UT
- 1996 – 1997 Organist, Orem Community Church (United Church of Christ), Orem, Utah
- 1995 - 1996 Organist, Trinity Methodist Church, Highland Park, NJ

Masterclasses taught

- 2010 Organ masterclass in New Bulgarian University, Sofia
- 2007 Organ masterclass at Graceland University, Lamoni, IA
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Carillonneur

- 1996 – 1998 Assistant University Carillonneur, Brigham Young University

Organ Teachers

- 1998 – 2004 Prof. Michael Bauer, University of Kansas
- 1995 – 1998 Prof. Parley Belnap, Brigham Young University
- 1998 Dr. Richard Elliott, LDS Tabernacle Organist
- 1990 – 1995 Elisabeth Roloff, Jerusalem Music Academy, Jerusalem, Israel

Organ Masterclasses

2004	Karel Paukert, Lawrence, KS
2001	Susan Landale, Lawrence
2000	Gillian Weir, Lawrence
2000	Catharine Crozier, Lawrence
1999	Olivier Latry, Lawrence
1998	Marie-Claire Alain, Lawrence
1996	Ann Labunsky, Provo, UT
1997	Richard Elliott, Salt Lake City, UT
1997	Yanka Hekimova, Paris, France
1992	Istvan Ella, Tel Aviv, Israel
1989	Milan Schlehta, Prague, Czech Republic

Organ recordings

2017	Sabin Levi: Organ Choral Preludes Based on Sephardic Songs (recorded at the church of La Madeleine, Paris), CDBaby
2016	Music From Years Past (CDBaby)
2014	Participation: In NMA's Brass Department CD
2012	Organ Mosaic IV – (CDBaby)
2010	Organ Music, in own performance (CDBaby)
2009	Organ Mosaic III – (released by Diuckal, Bulgaria)
2007	Organ Mosaic II (released by ZBPI, USA)
2005	Organ Mosaic (ZBPI)
2001	Ami Maayani, Five Arabesques, participation (released by Fons, Israel)

Composition teachers

1998 – 2004	Prof. Charles Hoag, University of Kansas
1996 – 1998	Prof. David Sargent, Brigham Young University
1996 – 1997	Prof. Murray Boren, Brigham Young University
1990 – 1995	Prof. Mark Kopytman, Jerusalem Rubin Academy for Music and Dance
1989 – 1990	Prof. Alexander Tanev (Bulgaria)
1989 – 1991	Prof Velislav Zaimov (Bulgaria)

Composition Masterclasses

2004	Michael Torke, Lawrence KS
2000	David Gompper, Lawrence
2000	Chen Yi, Lawrence
2000	David Dzubay, Lawrence

Composition recordings

2011	HORS String Quartet (participation), NMA Sofia
2010	Sabin Levi: Organ Music (CDBaby)
2008	New Music for Concert (participation), Beauport Record
2005	Music by Nulgarian Jewish Composers (participation0 (CMP, Bulgaria)

Conference participation (a partial list), as a composer, performer and lecturer

2017	Plovdiv Music Academy Music Theory Conference, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
2014	Music Theory Conference, NMA Sofia
2013	Music Theory Conference, NMA Sofia
2012	Natasha Yapova Honorary Conference, NMA Sofia
2012	Choir and Organ Conference, NMA Sofia
2011	“New Bulgarian Music”, UBC Sofia, Bulgaria
2010	Sofia Music Academy, Sofia
2008	New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
2005	SCI Conference in University of Texas - San Antonio, TX
2004	SCI Annual National Conference, University of Iowa, IA
2004	SCI Conference in Arkansas State Univesity, Jonesboro, AR
2003	Aspen Composer's Conference, Aspen CO
2003	SCI Conference in Stetson University, DeLand, FL
2003	Electric Rainbow Festival Dartmouth College, NH
2002	The Music of Olivier Messiaen University of Kansas, KS
2002	Computer Music World conference and workshop (Bulgaria)
2002	CMS Great Plains Conference, (College Music Society), NE
2002	New Bulgarian University, Sofia
2000	Music Midst Us Conference (Society of Composers, Inc.), KS

Selected Organ Composition and Carillon Events

2017 (July)	Recital, Evangelical Methodist Church, Varna, Bulgaria
2017 (April)	Recital, St. Michael in Kornhill Concert Series, London, UK
2016 (February)	Two recitals, and a theory lecture, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem
2015	Recital in Schneeberg Concert Series (St. Wolfgang church, Germany)
2014	Organ Seminar participation, NMA Sofia (as a lecturer and performer)
2013 (October)	Two organ recitals and a carillon concert, Israel (Tel Aviv and Jerusalem)
2013 (September)	Concert participation, Sofia Catholic Cathedral
2013 (May)	Concert participation (with orchestra), Bulgaria Concert Hall, Sofia
2013 (April)	Concert in the Vatican Institute of Sacred Music, The Vatican
2012	Concert participation, Sofia Catholic Cathedral
2011	Organ Recital/Slide show in the Bulgarian Music Academy, Sofia
	Recital of own organ music, as part of ppPianissimo Music Festival, Sofia,

2010 Swedish chamber music concert series in Bulgaria, participation
Organ music broadcast and interview, Bulgarian National Radio

2009 (September) Organ Music featured on KGNU Radio station, USA

2008 Organ Recital in Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX

2007 Organ meditations performed in concert in Graceland University

2007 Organ Recital in Southminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

2006 Organ Recital in the church of St. Peter, New York, NY

2006 Organ Recital in the church of St. Peter, New York, NY (second time)

2006 Performed two recitals on KU Memorial Carillon

2006 Performed a recital at Community of Christ, Independence, MO

2005 Performed a concert and taught an organ masterclass in
Graceland University, Lamoni, IA

2005 Organ performance featured on Kansas Public Radio (KANU 91.5 FM)

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2003 Recital, Cathedral of Saint Mary, Novi Sad, Serbia (This
concert was featured on Serbian National Television and Radio and on
MOST Private Television Channel)

2003 Performed two concerts at the First International Organ
Festival, Israel

2003 Bachathon XXIV (Kansas City, MO) participation

2003 Benefit concert for the restoration of the Voit organ in Rousse, Bulgaria, at
The University of Kansas and in Independence, MO

2002 Episcopal Cathedral Concert Series, Topeka, KS

2002 Recital, Bulgaria Hall, Sofia, Bulgaria

2001 Recital, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

1999 Recital, University of Kansas

1998 Temple Square Concert Series, Salt Lake City, Utah (both on the
Assembly Hall, and Tabernacle organs)

1997 Recital, Church of St. Laurent, Paris, France

1996 Temple Square Concert Series (Assembly Hall organ)

1995 Bulgaria Hall organ, Sofia, Bulgaria

1990 – 1995 Various locations in Israel (Jerusalem, Tabha, Tel Aviv)

1993 Concert tour, Hungary (Budapest, Zalaegerseg, Seksaard)

1976 – 1990 Various concerts as a pianist, organist, and composer in Bulgaria

PUBLICATIONS

Books - author

2013 “Polyphonic Aspects in the Music of Arthur Honegger”- published by Dobrudzha
Enterprizes, in Bulgarian, ISBN: 978-954-8200-34-9

2012 “Bulgarian Jewish Musicians” – Published by CreateSpace, USA, ISBN: 978-
1478233459, in English

2009 “Sofia Central Synagogue and its Music Tradition” – Published by CreateSpace, USA, ISBN: 978-1477535561 in English

2005 "Organ Culture in Israel and Palestine" – co-author, together with Gerard Levi (no relation), published by BookSurge USA, ISBN: 1-4196-1034-1. This book describes all known organs, players, organ compositions and related events. In English.

- translator

2017 “Polyphony – Strict Style, with Johann Joseph Fux” – translation to Bulgarian of part of J. J. Fux’s “Gradus ad Parnassum”, and also of Alfred Mann’s English translation of it. Published by *In Sacris* Foundation (Bulgaria), ISBN: 978-619-90821-0-2 – with own foreword and critical commentaries

- publisher and editor

2017 “Counterpoint. Polyphony” – by Assen Karastoyanov. Second edition. Published by *In Sacris* Foundation (Bulgaria), ISBN: 978-619-90821-1-9 – with own foreword and critical commentaries

2016 “Exercises in Harmony, Polyphony and Orchestration” – by Assen Karastoyanov. Second Edition. Published online in www.musicology-bg.com

2011 “The ACapella Choir and the Organ – East-West Interactions” – book editor and compiler. Published by the Bulgarian Music Academy (March). Contains articles by multiple authors in Bulgarian, English and German

2011 “The Golden E flat and the Bronze Fifths” – The Unequal Temperaments and Old Tuning Systems” – by Kamen Petev. Music editor. ISBN: 978-954-92200-7-0.

Articles

2016 “Professor Assen Karastoyanov’s Exercise Book and Counterpoint Textbook – in a Process of Translation” – published by Musical Horizons journal (Bulgaria)

2014 «Polyphonic language of Arthur Honegger» - publ. by NMA Almanac

2013 «Nikolay Kaufman’s Jewish Song Transcriptions» - publ. by NMA

2013 “Melodic-Harmonic Language of Petr Eben” – in

<http://organ-library.blogspot.com>

2012 “Velislav Zaimov and the Bulgarian Organ Music” – in

<http://organ-library.blogspot.com/p/velislav-zaimov-and-bulgarian-organ.html>

2011 Bulgarian Music for Organ and Choir: the First Bulgarian Organ

Conference – in *The Organ* (UK), February

2010 Julius Reubke and his 94th Psalm Sonata - part 1– in *Musical Horizons*,

- Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)
- 2010 “Music for Organ by Bulgarian Composers, Part 2” in Diapason, USA
- 2009 “Music for Organ by Bulgarian Composers” in Diapason, USA
- 2009 “Sofia Central Synagogue and its Musical Tradition” in Jewish Times, Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)
- 2009 “The most important organ music editions” (in form of a booklet), Union of Bulgarian Composers
- 2008 “The Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ” – in Music Horizons, Bulgaria
- 2007 “Modernistic Elements in the Organ Music of Petr Eben” – in Organfocus
- 2007 “Jewish Choir Tradition in Sofia” – in Musical Horizons
- 2005 "Organ Culture in Israel and Palestine" - in The American Organist
- 2005 "A Short Overview of César Franck's Organ Oeuvre" - in Organfocus (USA) in English
- 2004 "Zahari Mechkov - In Musical Horizons (in Bulgarian)
- 2003 "A Brief History of the Organ Use in the Jewish Worship" - in Shireinu Notes (USA)
- 2003 "Max Reger - Life and Work" in Musical Horizons (Bulgarian)
- 2003 "Adding Volts to the Pipes - A Short Survey of Compositions for Organ and Tape" - in The Organ (UK)
- 2003 "The German Romantic Organ in Rousse, Bulgaria" - in Het Orgel (The Netherlands), in Dutch
- 2002 "Adding Volts to the Pipes - a Short Survey of Compositions for Organ and Tape"- in Bombarde (USA)
- 2002 "The Sole Surviving Bulgarian Church Organ" - in The Tracker
- 2002 "What the Medieval Organ was not" - in Musical Horizons
- 2002 "Organs in Bulgaria" - in Diapason (USA)

Musicology website

- 2014 www.musicology-bg.com
Hosts musicology articles

Music Editor (sheet music)

2009– 2013 “Organ Music by Bulgarian Composers” – an ongoing project.

Function: Series’ compiler and editor.

Publisher: Union of Bulgarian Composers, Sofia, Bulgaria

Volumes published so far: 13.

Composers represented: 32.

2013 "Solo Violin Music by Leon Surujon." Includes previously unpublished pieces. Together with Prof. Yossif Radionov.

Languages

Bulgarian, English, Hebrew, Russian and French reading comprehension

Memberships

SCI (Society of Composers, Inc.), BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.), AGO (American Guild of Organists), CMS (College Music Society), ICL (Israeli Composer's League), Union of Bulgarian Composers, GCNA (Guild of Carillonneurs in North America)

Featured links:

Audio

Ami Maayani

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV8RJB2ZzvE>

Examples from the five organ solo albums (about 200 tracks)

<http://redmp3.me/mp3-sabin-levi>

Video (on Youtube)

Reger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGzeBTIB8QE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_eCZkc3khQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvvaqQsvW4o>

Carillon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzFiFWO6oh4>

Own Music (three choral preludes):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aZvet2E0G8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX6Jjhx-izU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBEY1FVNGfQ>