

# RAHUL RANGANATHAN VANAMALI

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## Education

**Bachelor of Music, Percussion Performance** 2019 - 2022

Schulich School of Music, McGill University, Montreal, QC

- Recipient of the *Bourse d'étude commémorative Pierre Béluse* scholarship in 2020
- Final GPA of 4.0
- Graduated with Outstanding Achievement in Percussion and Dean's Honour List

**Diploma in Higher Education: Music (Percussion Performance)** 2016 - 2019

KM Music Conservatory, Chennai, India (Affiliated to Middlesex University, UK)

- Recipient of the Best Performer (Western Music) award in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

**Distinction in ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music)** 2016

- Completed Grade 8 Percussion exam with a Distinction

## Teaching Experience

- **Music Theory Tutor** (Part-time) January - April 2020  
McGill University, Montréal, QC  
Peer tutor for advanced music theory and analysis
- **Summer Percussion Instructor** (Part-time) May - June 2019  
KM Music Conservatory, Chennai, India  
Taught individual percussion lessons to students of a wide variety of ages and skill levels

## Skills

- Online content creation – from conception & planning to recording, filming, audio & video editing, to release and social media promotion
- Project management – experience handling projects and managing teams of people
  - Worked with video game music label GameGrooves as Executive Producer for *Select Adventure* (2021), a charity album by BIPOC musicians contributing to workshops focusing on BIPOC creators by the Montreal-based organization Pixelles
- Proficient in DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) software, primarily REAPER and Logic Pro X
- Proficient in video editing software, primarily DaVinci Resolve
- Proficient in music engraving software, primarily MuseScore and Finale
- Proficient in image manipulation software, primarily GIMP and Pixelmator Pro
- Proficient in Microsoft Office/Google Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
- Languages
  - Native English speaker
  - Intermediate oral and written proficiency in French, Hindi
  - Intermediate oral proficiency in Tamil

## Performance Experience

### University Ensembles

McGill Contemporary Music Ensemble 2021 - 2022

- Percussionist in various modern works by composers such as Jonathan Harvey, and world premiere of *Traduttore, Traditore* by

Francis Battah at CIRMMT (Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology)

McGill Wind Orchestra 2020 - 2022

- Percussionist in various works by composers such as John Barnes, Chance, and Zoltán Kodály, World/Canadian/North American Premiere of *Wi(th-er)Red Tree*, by Pedram Diba

McGill Percussion Ensemble 2019 - 2022

- Performances of contemporary works and classical arrangements for percussion ensemble, including performances at the 2020 and 2022 Days of Percussion festivals, including a solo during the latter

McGill Symphony Orchestra 2019 - 2022

- Percussionist in various works by composers such as Ludwig van Beethoven, Igor Stravinsky, Hector Berlioz, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Franz Liszt

### **Orchestras and Mixed Ensembles**

Orchestre philharmonique des musiciens de Montréal 2019

- Timpanist for Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* in Sherbrooke, QC

Hundredfoot Road Ensemble (KM Music Conservatory) 2016 - 2019

- Percussionist in mixed contemporary ensemble featuring works of Philip Glass, John Cage, and Olivier Messiaen

### **Professional engagements / Popular Ensembles**

Orchestre de Jeux Video 2021

- Performed numerous orchestral arrangements of popular video game themes with the *Orchestre de Jeux Video* in Montreal

Fête de la Musique Chennai 2019

- Performed as a percussion soloist at Alliance Française, Chennai

East Wind Quartet 2017 - 2019

- Performed as the drummer in a jazz quartet, including a performance at the 2018 Madras Jazz Festival

TRANSPORTS Project 2017

- Performed and recorded for the album *No Parking* with the Indo-French collaboration *Collectif a Contresens*

South Asian Music Residency (SAMUR) 2017

- Performed as a percussionist at the Goethe-Institut (Chennai), with musicians from across Asia and Germany

Performed as a percussionist with Oscar and Grammy Award winner A R Rahman

- *Harmony* (Amazon Prime-exclusive documentary) 2018

- *MTV Unplugged (India), Season 6* 2016

Quadrophobia 2016 - 2021

- Drummer and founding member of progressive rock band Quadrophobia, performing covers of progressive rock music as well as writing and releasing original music

Chennai Music Festival 2014

- Performed with mridangam legend Dr. Umayalapuram K Sivaraman in an Indian Fusion Concert