

Laura Arganbright

Dr. Laura Arganbright is a freelance oboist who performs throughout the Los Angeles area. She currently holds the principal oboe chairs with the American Youth Symphony and the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, and is a regular performer with the Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra, LA's conductorless orchestra. Additionally, Laura has performed in concert with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the LA Sinfonietta, Opera Neo Summer Festival, and the Center Stage Opera company.

A recent graduate of the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California, Laura was awarded the Brandon Mehrle Service Award in recognition of individuals who demonstrate extraordinary support of Thornton through a commitment of energy and professional expertise. She was twice recognized for outstanding performance, leadership, and commitment to the community through her involvement with the Thornton Community Engagement Programs. Laura's academic studies were focused in Teaching and Learning Music, with additional emphasis on Baroque Oboe and Arranging. Before pursuing her doctorate at USC, Laura studied in her native state of Arizona and was the graduate oboe teaching assistant at Arizona State University. Past instructors include Marion Kuszyk, Joel Timm, Lot Demeyer, and Martin Schuring.

Laura has taught music and oboe in a broad range of settings. Since 2016, she has served as the oboe teaching assistant at the Idyllwild Summer Program. Laura held leadership positions within the Thornton Community Engagement Program and assisted in training new mentors in addition to coaching instrumental sectionals and instructing general music classes. While at USC, she led reed making sessions, established the annual Oboe Cleaning Day for students to learn instrument care and maintenance, and she was the oboe instructor for students pursuing music minors. Laura has been selling handmade oboe reeds commercially for five years, and she has over ten years of experience in private oboe instruction.

For more information, including recordings and upcoming performance activities, visit Laura's website: www.LAoboe.com.