

Olivia Phaneuf (She/Her) is an active performer, educator, and arts administrator in Austin, Texas.

Olivia maintains an active performing career as a solo and chamber musician and has been invited to perform and teach at universities and festivals across the United States, including the International Saxophone Symposium, SHE: Festival of Women in Music, Texas A&M International University Laredo, University of Arkansas, North American Saxophone Alliance Conference, TMEA Conference and more. Olivia frequently performs with her duo partner, Megan Elks in their saxophone duo MOXIE, and as a frequent sub in the Austin Saxophone Ensemble.

Along with performing, Olivia's greatest joy in life is teaching. Olivia has a private studio made up of 30 middle and high school aged saxophonists in the greater Austin area. Her teaching philosophy is to build musical experiences that will lead to lifelong enjoyment, appreciation, and involvement in music, regardless of capacity, time, or place. Olivia believes as musicians it shouldn't only be our job to play but we should find joy in everything we do with it. In May of 2020 Olivia was a recipient of the Catherine A. English Excellence in Music Teaching award for her accomplishments and success in teaching. When not teaching Olivia can be found working in the Butler School of Music performance library as an assistant librarian.

Olivia holds a Masters of Music in Saxophone from The University of Texas at Austin, and a Bachelors of Music Education and Saxophone Performance from The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. Her Primary teachers are Dr. Stephen C. Page and Dr. Casey Grev.

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