

I grew up hunting and fishing in the Lower 48 with my grandfather and father in the Inland Northwest. My daughter was born in Soldotna in 2014 and is in kindergarten at Nordale Elementary. We moved to Fairbanks in 2016 so I could complete my Bachelor's Degree. I have an interdisciplinary degree in Applied Ethnomusicology from UAF. Ethnomusicology is the study

of the relationship between culture and music. My studies are based in community learning in music ensembles as well as participatory learning in indigenous knowledge systems. I build instruments out of metal and wood and hold regular community rehearsals for my Javanese Gamelan ensemble, the Boreal Gamelan.