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## Andrew Roitstein

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Andrew Roitstein, musician and educator, has developed a multifaceted career producing interactive educational concerts, creating K-12 music curricula, and designing innovative music programs reaching young people internationally. At OSL Andrew develops and oversees an annual Free School Concerts series; a Five Borough Community Chamber Music tour; and the Youth Orchestra of St. Luke's (YOSL), an after-school music education program for public school students in New York City.

Prior to joining OSL, Andrew was Senior Music Curriculum Specialist for Juilliard Global K-12 Programs, responsible for the conceptual framework, musical repertoire and resources for the Juilliard Creative Classroom, an online arts education platform taught in over 40 schools internationally. He has led professional development seminars throughout the US for organizations such as Houston Symphony and the Young Musicians Foundation (Los Angeles). His approach to music education was honed as a Teaching Artist in NYC's public schools for New York Philharmonic's "Philharmonic Schools" program and Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute.

A founding member and bassist of the award-winning Toomai String Quintet, an ensemble whose interactive school concerts and workshops have been presented by Carnegie Hall, the 92nd Street Y, Midori and Friends, and The Juilliard School, he has also performed with the New York and Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestras and as a featured chamber musician playing at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. A prolific arranger, his works have been performed by Joshua Bell and members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the New York Philharmonic, among others. Dedicated to performing and arranging Latin American music, he released *Cuerdas Cubanas* (2018) in honor of his Cuban grandmother, pianist Rosalina Guerrero Sackstein, with the Toomai Quintet. The album features Andrew's arrangements of popular Cuban songs by legendary musicians Ernesto Lecuona, Israel "Cachao" Lopez, and Celia Cruz. Andrew also regularly performs Argentinian tango music with Grammy winners Pablo Ziegler and Hector Del Curto. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from The Juilliard School.