

*Angela Shankar*

*Clarinetist, The Chelsea Symphony*

The daughter of two musicians from her native Cleveland, Ohio, Angela Shankar is a performer and educator in New York City.

Active in the musical theater world, she recently played flute, clarinet and saxophones on the award-winning musical “Harmony,” written by Barry Manilow and Bruce Sussman. She’s currently subbing at “The Music Man” on Broadway, and this past holiday season was in the Radio City Music Hall orchestra for the “Christmas Spectacular” show featuring the Rockettes.

In addition to performing regularly with TCS in concert, you can see Angela in the orchestra on the Golden Globe-winning television series *Mozart in the Jungle*, including a solo passage from Messiaen's *Abîme des oiseaux* from the *Quartet for the End of Time* in Episode 7 of Season 3. After a deeply moving experience filming that episode on Rikers’ Island, she has since worked with TCS and the NYC Department of Corrections to establish a chamber music program.

Angela is a member of the reed trio Reeds Amis. You can find their album, *Reeds Amis: The Reed Trios of Fernande Decruck* on all streaming platforms.

As a freelancer, Angela has played with the Billboard Music Award winning rock band AJR, the West Point Band, the Garden State Philharmonic, the Binghamton Philharmonic, the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, the Ohio Light Opera Company, the International Opera Theatre Company of Italy, the Syracuse Symphony, and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's Chamber Ensemble. She has performed in such venues as La Fenice in Venice, the United Nations, the Library of Congress, David Geffen Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and—wait for it—Carnegie Hall.

Angela received a B.A. in Clarinet Performance and Music Education from Carnegie Mellon University and an M.A. in Clarinet Performance from the Eastman School of Music. A passionate music education advocate and teacher, she maintains an active clarinet studio with students of all ages.

When Angela isn’t teaching or performing, she’s likely busy chasing after her three boys: Matteo, Rohan, and Eddie.

Finally, she'd like to extend her deep gratitude to Mike Boyman for writing such a beautiful piece. This collaboration is many years in the making, and she can't wait to bring it to life this weekend and share it with the TCS community!