

Ye Tao is an Assistant Professor of Music at Grambling State University. A native of Shenyang, China, he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in violin performance from the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. While he was in China, he was concertmaster of the Liaoning Symphony Orchestra, Opera House, and Ballet Company. He has also presented recital appearances throughout his native China including a recital at the Beijing Concert Hall. He has appeared as recitalist in Europe too, including an acclaimed recital in Italy, and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Tao came to the United States as a visiting scholar at the University of Southern California.

He has given solo violin solo recitals at the Universities in the Northeast Louisiana. In addition he has also appeared as recitalist in the concert sponsored by Monroe Symphony orchestra, Twin City Ballet, and the Little Theatre, has also played with the Ruston Civic Orchestra as a soloist.

As an orchestral musician, he has played in many orchestras in the States including: Arkansas, Pine Bluff, South Arkansas, Acadiana, Baton Rouge Ballet, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, Rapids, Shreveport, Shreveport Opera, Shreveport Balle, Mississippi, Mississippi Delta, Tupelo, Gulf coast, Longview, Texarkana, Marshall, Long Beach ballet, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, Torrance, and Palm Spring Pop in California.

In Louisiana, he has taught in the public schools, and was director of the Monroe Youth Symphony Orchestra. He joined the Grambling State University music faculty in 1996, where he serves as Director of the University Orchestra and teaches Applied Strings, Music Appreciation, Introduction to Fine & Performing arts, and String Method classes.

Mr. Tao was a board member of the Louisiana Music Educators Association and the orchestra division chairman who is in charge of the Louisiana all-State Orchestra, and was also the Louisiana State Chapter president of the American String Teacher Association.

His name is on the Who's Who: The Best American Teachers Selected by the Best Students, 1996 edition.