

Kevin Wakefield McKinney

-Performer

-Educator

-Composer

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Skills

PreK-8 General Music Education

Late Elementary & Middle School Band Instruction

Jazz & Improvised Music

Piano and Woodwind Performance

Musical Theory and Composition

Spanish Language, Literature & Culture

Experience

Cleveland Music Settlement / Instructor

Cleveland, OH 2010 - 2012

I taught jazz and basic musicianship to the enrolled elementary and middle school students. I taught both private and group/ensemble lessons in this setting.

University of Nevada, Reno / Graduate Teaching Assistant

Reno, NV August 2012 - 2014

I was a teaching assistant for the Jazz Department as well as MUS 121 ('Music Through The Ages'). I graded tests and term papers and well as taught various lectures and administered exams. I also ran sectionals in the jazz department and taught private and group lessons to both majors and non-majors.

Private Music Studio / Instructor

2008-Present

I keep a studio of 5-15 students throughout the year. I offer lessons in Saxophone, Piano, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Drums, Composition, Theory and Electronic/Computer Music.

Rudolf Steiner Schools Of Ann Arbor / Accompanist

Ann Arbor, MI 2016-2017

I worked as a piano accompanist for the Eurythmy (Music & Movement) Classes at both the Upper and Lower schools. I also gave small lectures regarding music theory and improvisation.

Go Like The Wind Montessori / Director Of Music Education

August 2017 - Present

I teach general music to students in the infant program through the middle school program. I put on three concerts per year, each showcasing many different student groups including orchestra, choir and 'rock band'. I have developed a curriculum for students in our elementary program that involves singing, movement, learning the recorder, aural skills and much more.

Livingston Classical Academy / Band Director

2020 - Present

I direct and instruct the middle school band. We rehearse twice a week for an hour each day. I have also given small demonstrations to the elementary students regarding woodwind instruments and their history/construction.

Education

The University Of Michigan, Ann Arbor / BFA Jazz Studies

August 2008 - May 2012

I also earned a Minor in Spanish Language, Literature & Culture and graduated with a grade point average of 3.862.

The University of Nevada, Reno / MM Jazz & Improvised Music

August 2012 - May 2014

I earned a full ride scholarship, was a graduate teaching assistant and graduated with a grade point average of 4.0.

Notable Accomplishments

- Gave a talk on the links between classical and jazz music to members of the Michigan Music Teachers Association (September 2016)
- Composed two pieces of music that were choreographed by dancers at West Virginia University and performed live at the 'Dance Now!' Festival (2016)
- Attended the SIM (School for Improvised Music) in New York City (Summer 2013)
- Composed and arranged numerous works for band and orchestra
- Composed numerous children's songs for my work with toddler and primary level students
- Perform regularly in the Detroit area with a jazz-fusion group. We released a studio quality album in 2017

-REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST-